



NNA Community Newsletter

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Welcome to the NNA Community Office

This marks the first newsletter of the Navigating the New Arctic Community Office (NNA-CO)—the start to a monthly resource for sharing timely and relevant information with and between NNA researchers and partners.

Established in February 2021, the NNA-CO is jointly implemented by the University of Colorado Boulder, Alaska Pacific University, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks. With support and cooperation from the National Science Foundation, the NNA-CO aims to support the NNA community in conducting use-inspired [convergence research](#) in the Arctic—collaborative research that deeply draws on information and expertise from across disciplines and knowledge systems to solve complex challenges.

While our office is still in the process of ramping up, we are excited to begin working with everyone in the NNA community in the months and years ahead! More information about the NNA-CO can be found on our [website](#).

Please invite your partners and collaborators to sign up for this NNA Community Newsletter using the blue button on the bottom of our [website homepage](#).

Recognizing ARCUS and a Transition in Process

Since 2020, the Arctic Research Consortium of the US (ARCUS) has supported the NNA community by creating and hosting a [hub of webpages](#) that feature information about each of the projects that have been supported through the NNA initiative to date. ARCUS also virtually hosted the [first NNA Investigators Meeting](#) in May 2020, providing a venue for NNA investigators and partners to share their work and to discuss opportunities and challenges. ARCUS has hosted a series of follow-on events to keep discussions going.

We sincerely thank ARCUS for this support, and for the many related ways in which they advance collaboration in Arctic research!



The NNA-CO aims to build on the efforts of ARCUS which includes migrating web content to the [NNA-CO's website](#), which we are still in the process of designing. In the meantime, the resources provided by ARCUS will remain online for your continued use.

NSF Issues Updated COVID-19 Guidance for Arctic Fieldwork

The NSF Arctic Sciences Section recently issued [updated COVID-19 fieldwork guidance](#) for researchers funded by the Arctic Sciences Section. Please consult this resource for answers to commonly asked questions, guidance for the responsible conduct of fieldwork, and to learn about options for fieldwork support.



Register for Upcoming Spring NNA Community Events

We invite you to register for the following NNA virtual events later this spring. Note that we will record these events and compile related resources to share with those who are unable to attend:

COVID Pandemic Guidance for Field & Community-Based Research — April 29 (Thursday); 10am-12pm AKDT (2-4pm EDT)

Join a virtual panel of experts to discuss and share timely information regarding COVID-19 related protocols, guidance, and restrictions at local and regional levels across the Arctic.

The panel discussion will be followed by break-out groups organized by region to discuss regional contexts, resources, and evolving situations.

[Register here](#)

Discussing Plans for Returning to & Initiating Field Research during the COVID Era — May 4 (Tuesday); 10am-12pm AKDT (2-4pm EDT)

This virtual gathering will focus on the the state of NNA research field-season planning and community-based activities to discuss common concerns, coordination, and approaches for organizing, sharing and disseminating NNA field-season plans with Arctic communities, Indigenous and Tribal organizations, and other interested organizations and partners.

[Register here](#)

Call for NNA-CO Research Advisory Board Self-Nominations

The work of the NNA Community Office (NNA-CO) will be guided by two advisory boards—a Research Advisory Board and an Indigenous Advisory Board. We invite self-nominations from currently funded NNA PIs and Co-PIs to serve on our Research Advisory Board. The Research Advisory Board will provide overall strategic guidance for the NNA-CO's plans and activities to support the NNA Community.

For more information and to indicate your interest, [please visit and complete this form](#) by April 16, 2021.



Join the NNA-CO Team as a Program Manager

The NNA-CO is currently [accepting applications for a full-time Program Manager](#) to provide community coordination and engagement, office management, and support to research, data management, and educational outreach activities. This position will uphold the Office's vision and commitment to supporting the NNA community (researchers, Arctic community partners, Indigenous knowledge holders, decision-makers, etc.) through coordination, enhanced communication, and interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, and institutional learning. *Remote full-time work is possible for this position.*

Please find the job posting [here](#).



Coming Soon: NNA-CO Needs Assessment

In early April, we will be emailing our NNA Needs Assessment survey to NNA investigators and partners, including Arctic community partners. The assessment will guide the NNA-CO as we look to support collaborative NNA research in the years ahead.



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