

International Arctic Research Center

The International Arctic Research Center (IARC) was founded in 1999 at UAF through an agreement between Japan and the United States “to demonstrate our ability to solve, jointly, problems that are beyond what any one nation can address” as outlined in the agreement signed by President Clinton and Prime Minister Hashimoto in 1997.

IARC’s purpose is to understand the Arctic to make a difference. Our scientists provide useful, actionable science in order to set the groundwork for understanding and responding to Arctic change. Living and working in Alaska gives us a holistic knowledge and understanding of the Arctic. We value what the North and its people teach us.

More than 100 scientists, analysts, students and professional staff with interests that span physical, biological and social sciences work at IARC. They share their talents throughout Alaska, support local businesses and much more. We actively cultivate an environment where all individuals and groups feel welcomed and heard. Our different experiences, expertise and ways of knowing are our strengths, creating diverse thoughts and ideas.

IARC scientists work on roughly 150 research projects that investigate all elements of the Arctic system, including ocean, ice, atmosphere, land and society. What happens in the Arctic affects everyone on Earth. We value a culture of creativity that fosters innovation. We solve problems through local to international collaboration with different disciplines and knowledge systems, and by engaging with government agencies.

IARC is located in the Akasofu Building. For more information, call 907-474-6016 or visit the IARC website (<https://www.iarc.uaf.edu>).