UAF’s location in Interior Alaska provides easy access to glaciers, permafrost, the Pacific and Arctic oceans, and other elements of a sub-Arctic climate. Accordingly, several research centers and academic departments focus their scholarly work on issues particular to the North. These include the environmental impact of human activities, the development of renewable and nonrenewable resources and energy sources, and the understanding and preservation of Indigenous Northern cultures.

The vice chancellor for research oversees all university research activities and has primary responsibility for the university’s research mission. The VCR office directs the development of university research policies and monitors sponsored programs, research integrity, and intellectual property and licensing.

Assistantships are available for graduate students working on research with faculty in many research institutes and centers. Each researcher has a joint appointment with an academic department. Any student interested in specific faculty research projects and the availability of assistantships should contact the appropriate academic department.

- Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/agricultural-forestry-experiment-station/)
- Alaska Center for Energy and Power (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/alaska-center-for-energy-and-power/)  
- Alaska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/alaska-cooperative-fish-wildlife-research-unit/)
- Alaska Native Language Center (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/alaska-native-language-center/)
- Alaska Quaternary Center (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/alaska-quaternary-center/)
- Alaska Sea Grant (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/alaska-sea-grant/)
- Center for Cross-Cultural Studies (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/center-cross-cultural-studies/)
- Center for One Health Research (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/center-for-one-health-research/)
- Geophysical Institute (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/geophysical-institute/)
- Institute of Arctic Biology (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/institute-arctic-biology/)
- Institute of Marine Science (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/institute-marine-science/)
- Institute of Northern Engineering (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/institute-northern-engineering/)
- International Arctic Research Center (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/international-arctic-research-center/)
- Lena Point Fisheries Facility, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/juneau-center-school-fisheries-ocean-sciences/)
- UArctic (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/uarctic/)
- University of Alaska Museum of the North (https://catalog.uaf.edu/overview/research-institutes-centers-consortia/university-alaska-museum-north/)

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