2021 Toolik Graduate Student & Postdoc Update

Student & Postdoc Representative

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COVID-19 - Praise

COVID-19 - Suggestions



Transparency

- transparency into the decision making process could help researchers make plans
- right now it's impossible to get a sense of what conditions might allow easing of quarantine rules and what would not
- Work to separate UAF pandemic-related policies from Toolik

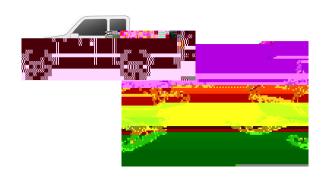
Quarantine Issues

- Pay field station staff for all the days they are in quarantine
- It's really hard to plan and pay for quarantine
- provide quarantine funding to non-NSF funded researchers
- impact of repeated quarantine on those who must go back and forth needs to be accounted for better

<u>Vaccines</u>

- Integrating vaccines into the covid policy
- Replace the quarantine requirement with a vaccination requirement

Transportation – at Toolik



Flexibility and Availability

- sufficient instructions for members of all levels to follow
- Flexibility with checking out helicopter and trucks works well
- I often depend on Science trucks to be available on a days notice and I was impressed that this was never an issue.

Refueling

- Getting gas can sometimes be difficult
- Feel bad asking FOA to help- they are very busy, and sometimes I don't remember until it is inconvenient for them

<u>Other</u>

 Installing a plug for heated visors on all snowmachines would make things a bit more comfortable (and having compatible helmet visors available)

Transportation – to Toolik



I thought it worked really well, and there was enough flexibility given advanced notice that the frequency could be altered slightly. I REALLY appreciated the willingness to be flexible since my group needed to arrive and leave on specific days.

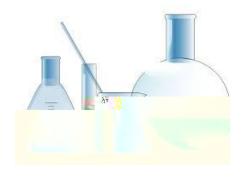
Research Support

Common Use Logistics

Available Equipment

system for signing out size-specific tools would be super helpful for getting the size-specific parts you need efficiently (drill bits, sockets, etc)

Lab Spaces



Lab Space Communication

- Pl's with priority were not always considerate with space use
- Lab assignments unclear when PI's arrived and had priority
- Office space not always clearly defined

<u>Undaimed Equipment</u>

- Winter lab long-term storage of items for groups that may or may not be coming back
- generally unclear what equipment belongs to who, this can be confusing for new comers

<u>Other</u>

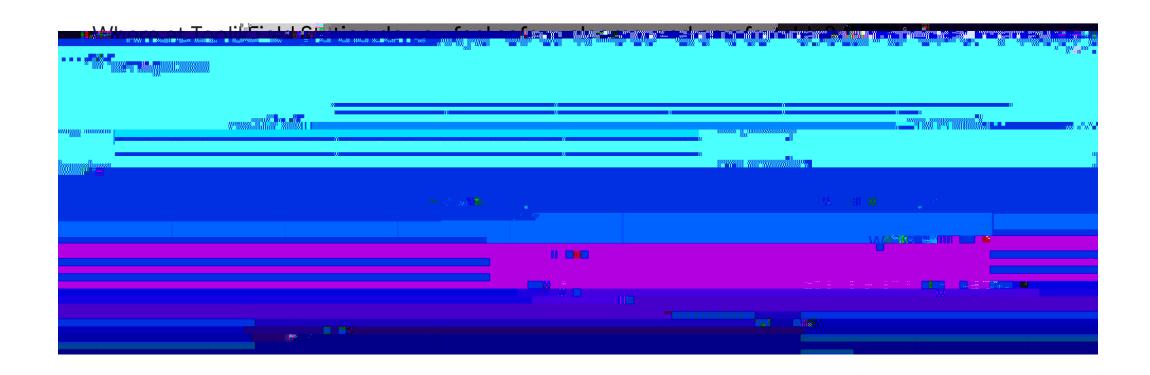
- stools/chairs height often do not fit the tables in the labs
- tent across from the science workshop door would blow open in the wind and a big puddle formed in front of the door

At Toolik - Suggestions

<u>Spaces</u>

- Exclusive lounging space like the staff have.
- More space for offices /

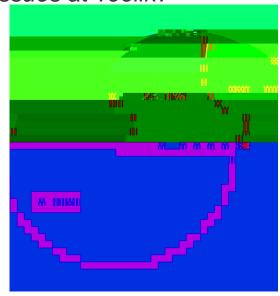
At Toolik



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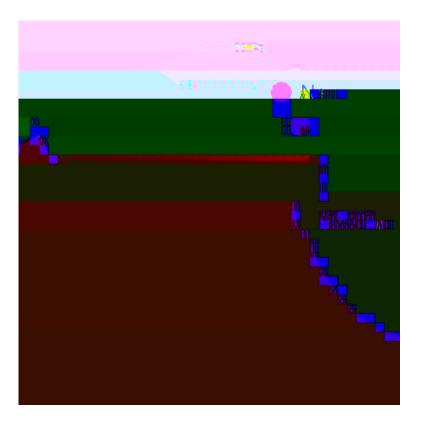
Do you understand Toolik's policies with regards to Title IX issues and how to report such issues at Toolik?





Tundra Award

"I think it likely serves students in Alaska well, but, coming from the lower 48 it isn't quite enough to be that useful. I would still need a large amount of money to come to Toolik"



"This is a great resource, and I would love to see it expanded to include helo time and community visits. People could be awarded some

Thank you's!

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"All of them! I really appreciate the dedicated Toolik staff - couldn't ask for a better group of folks to help things go smoothly."

"Toolik staff members have all been extremely cheerful, helpful, supportive and responsive. We really appreciate all the efforts put in by all staff members."

Questions?

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