



## Background/Context

Research contributes to every aspect of Alaskan life – it drives innovation and discovery, spurs outside investment, generates a significant percentage of UA's annual revenue and is critical for future growth. UA leads the world in Arctic research, which provides the foundation of our international reputation. We are a leader in climate research, atmospheric and biological science, geophysics, cold climate

national network of public research universities that account for 66 percent of all university research and development expenditures and which conduct much of the nation's core STEM research.

## Benefits to Alaska

### Drives economic development

- Research brings new money into Alaska, generating jobs and economic activity far beyond our campuses. Every state dollar invested in UA research generates an additional \$4-\$6.
- Since 2010, UA has generated \$1 billion in research revenue, primarily from federal, industry and private sources. In 2017, UA attracted \$159 million in external funding in addition to the \$24 million provided by the state; created \$90 million in direct wages; 1,250 jobs, an additional 350 jobs were created in the private sector, generating another \$27 million in wages.
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