

UAF awarded funds for Toolik Field Station research

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FAIRBANKS — The University of Alaska Fairbanks has been awarded \$16 million in federal funds to support work at Toolik Field Station, a research facility in the northern foothills of the Brooks Range.

The National Science Foundation award, part of a five-year agreement, will help fund housing, utilities, meals, communications, lab space, vehicles and science equipment, according to a UAF press release.

Toolik Field Station is located on the southeast shore of Toolik Lake, 370 miles north of Fairbanks. Its location allows access to research in the Brooks Range, Arctic foothills and Arctic coastal plain.

The number of scientists using the facility has grown significantly since it opened in 1975, according to UAF. In 2010 the site hosted 569 people from 68 different universities and research institutions, working on 61 different projects.

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