



# LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UAF Faculty and Grad Students

**Alaska EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) announces a competition for travel funding.**

Two purposes will be funded in this competition: 1) for faculty and graduate students: conference presentations, and 2) for faculty only: collaboration and exchange.

Each of our science components has designated amounts available this fiscal year: Biology: \$10,000 conference and \$5,000 exchange. Social Science: \$7,000 conference and \$15,000 exchange. Physical Science: \$7,000 split between conference and exchange. Because most awards are limited to \$1,000 for domestic and \$1,500 for international travel, it is possible that your travel expenses will be greater than an EPSCoR travel award. We encourage you to consider this award as a supplement to other sources. Travel funding is available until funds are exhausted.

To be considered, faculty and graduate students will need to be working in an area of research supported by Alaska EPSCoR. Our project is entitled "Resilience and Vulnerability in a Rapidly Changing North: The Integration of Physical, Biological and Social Processes." Information about the project is available on our website, [www.alaska.edu/epscor](http://www.alaska.edu/epscor), under "Research Focus Areas—Phase III." See also the project summary noted with this announcement. Applications which clearly show interdisciplinary work around the theme of resilience and vulnerability will be given priority.

Please remember the deadlines are January 30, and April 30. Send your application both to [fyepscor@uaf.edu](mailto:fyepscor@uaf.edu) and [anne.sudkamp@alaska.edu](mailto:anne.sudkamp@alaska.edu) or 474.5880.

Application information is now available for the **2008 Global Change Student Research Grant Competition**. Applicants must have graduate or undergraduate status in a degree-granting program at UAF at the time the proposed research will be conducted. Information can be downloaded at <http://www.cgc.uaf.edu> or picked up from the Center for Global Change, Room 306 Akasofu Bldg. (IARC), or the Graduate School, Room 202 Eielson. Proposal deadline is Friday, February 22, 2008.

### INCREASE IN FEDEX RATES

Effective January 7, 2008 FedEx package and freight rates will increase an average of 6.9% for U.S. and U.S. export services. The fuel price at which surcharges begin will be adjusted effective January 7, 2008, resulting in a 2% overall fuel surcharge reduction and a net average rate increase of 4.9%.

### →→TRAVEL→→

- **Erich Follmann**, 1/9-19, Prudhoe Bay, AK, fieldwork
- **Mark Lindberg**, Thorne Bay, AK, fieldwork
- **Dave McGuire**, 1/8-10, Seattle, WA, USARC Project Meeting
- **Aleya Nelson**, 12/28/07-1/8/08, Thorne Bay, AK, fieldwork
- **Nate Pamperin**, 1/9-19, Prudhoe Bay, AK, fieldwork

### *Quote of the week:*

*The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes their way.*

*~Unknown*

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**NO LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR THIS WEEK**

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