UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

International Volcanological Field School – Alaska Volcano Observatory Ambassador Scholarship Application 2018

Through support of the National Science Foundation and in cooperation with the Alaska Volcano Observatory, we are pleased to announce the availability of two scholarships to cover the course fees, tuition, meals*, lodging and travel expenses for up to two Alaskan residents living within 50 miles of an active volcano to attend the UAF Katmai International Volcanological Field School to be held in the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, June 3-16, 2018. These scholarships are designed to encourage communication between Alaskan residents living near active volcanoes and the Alaska Volcano Observatory (AVO). In exchange for their award, scholarship recipients will be required to: (1) give a public lecture in their home community on what they learned about volcanoes and volcano monitoring following participation in the field school, and (2) agree to contact AVO staff with any local observations of volcanic activity they observe for a minimum of one year following their field school participation. In addition to being an Alaskan resident living within 50 miles of an active Alaskan volcano, scholarship recipients must be at least 18 years of age, and must apply to, and be accepted to the field school. Preference will be given to residents of rural Alaskan communities and Alaska Natives. *Note all meals will be provided except for the two days that participants spend in Anchorage.

More details regarding the UAF International Volcanological Field School can be found here: https://www.uaf.edu/geology/academics/international-volcanology/.

To apply for the International Volcanological Field School – AVO Ambassador Scholarship, please complete the following questionnaire, submit a 1-page statement of interest, and provide two letters of reference, in addition to submitting the standard field school application (found at: https://www.uaf.edu/files/geology/application-2018.docx) by March 15, 2018.

Application material can be emailed to Taryn Lopez (tmlopez@alaska.edu) and Pavel Izbekov (peizbekov@alaska.edu), with the subject “Field School Scholarship Application.” Alternatively, applications can be mailed to:

Taryn Lopez
UAF Geophysical Institute
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Applicants, please complete the following questionnaire:

1. Name: ____________________________________________________________
2. Email Address: _______________________________________________________
3. Phone Number: ______________________________________________________
4. Address: ____________________________________________________________
5. Community of Residence: ____________________________________________
7. Are you an Alaskan Native? ____________________________________________
8. If you answered yes to question 7, what Tribe do you belong to? ________________
9. Are you a degree-seeking student who would like to receive UAF credit for this course (yes, no, maybe): _________________________________________________
10. If yes to question 9, please specify degree sought and affiliated university: ________________________________________________________________
11. Name/s of neighboring historically active Alaskan volcano/volcanoes: ________________________________________________________________
   (A list of active volcanoes (marked by red '!') symbols can be found here: www.avo.alaska.edu/volcanoes/)
12. Distance from your community to nearby volcano/volcanoes: _______________
   (This information can be found by selecting your volcano from the list at: www.avo.alaska.edu/volcanoes/)
13. Typical observations you have made of your neighbor volcano during your residence: ________________________________________________________________
14. Name of Reference 1: _________________________________________________
15. Relationship to Reference 1: ____________________________________________
16. Email of Reference 1: _________________________________________________
17. Name of Reference 2: _________________________________________________
18. Relationship to Reference 2: ____________________________________________
Statement of Interest:
Please submit a 1-page statement describing your interest in attending the International Volcanological Field School and serving as an AVO Ambassador. Please include information on your interest in volcanoes, your role in your local community, and how you would share relevant volcano-related information both with your local community and with AVO if you are selected as the scholarship recipient. Please provide any information/examples that will illustrate your qualifications for this position.

Letters of Reference:
Please provide two letters of reference from members of your community who can vouch for your character. Please have referee’s provide some context on their relationship with you and their perspective on your ability to serve as an AVO ambassador and participate in the field school. We are particularly interested in your ability to effectively communicate with a diverse group, get along with others, and maintain a positive attitude during challenging conditions (poor weather, high winds, when tired, etc.). Please have references send their statements directly to Taryn Lopez (tmlopez@alaska.edu) and Pavel Izbekov (peizbekov@alaska.edu), with the subject “Referral for Field School Scholarship.” Alternatively, references can mail their letters to Taryn Lopez using the address provided on page 1. Note that the same reference can provide both the Scholarship Letter of Reference and Field School Evaluation Form for the applicant.

Application Material Checklist (please check-off items upon submission and submit complete application material by March 15, 2018):

_____ Scholarship Application Questionnaire

_____ Scholarship Application Statement of Interest

_____ Scholarship Application Reference Letter 1 (sent separately by referee)

_____ Scholarship Application Reference Letter 2 (sent separately by referee)

_____ Signed UAF Field School Application
(Available here: https://www.uaf.edu/files/geology/application-2018.docx)

_____ UAF Field School Reference Evaluation Form (included in application document, sent separately by referee)

*Please direct any questions to Taryn Lopez at tmlopez@alaska.edu or 907.978.4300*