

Toolik Grad Student and Postdoc Survey

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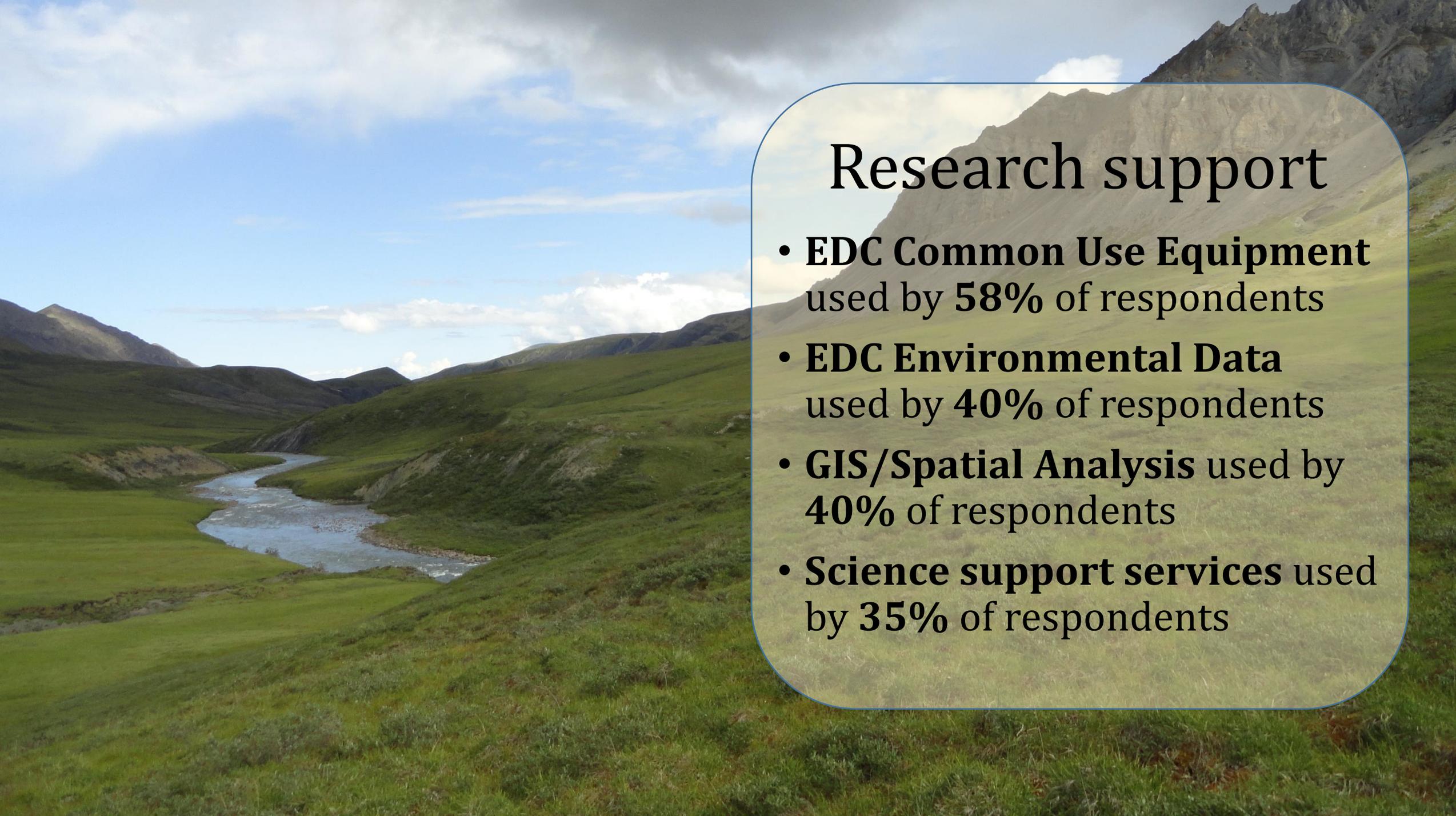


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Thank you!

Amanda, Brad, Brie, Chad, Emma, Faye, Glenn, Jason, Jeb, John, Jorge, Justin, Molly, Pete, Rae, Randy, Skye, Stevie, and Travis were all mentioned by name as being particularly supportive and helpful.

“I’ve always found that the Toolik Staff go above and beyond to make my time at Toolik productive, comfortable, and fun – many thanks to this excellent group of people!”



Research support

- **EDC Common Use Equipment** used by **58%** of respondents
- **EDC Environmental Data** used by **40%** of respondents
- **GIS/Spatial Analysis** used by **40%** of respondents
- **Science support services** used by **35%** of respondents

Equipment/Data Services

“I have always found everything I need with the help of staff.”

“[During the] last week of my stay I got the opportunity to attend a bear safety class, which I appreciated a lot!”

Specific requests:

- More weighing scales
- Better access to RO or DI water
- More reliable autoclave
- Common use building materials (rebar, stakes, etc.)
- More battery powered drills
- Daily thaw depth data

Transportation

- 66% of respondents traveled to Toolik on a Science Truck or DHE vehicle.
- 78% of respondents used NSF trucks while in camp.
- 27% used UAF trucks.
- 27% used MBL trucks.

Specific requests:

- More NSF trucks in camp during peak season
- Impromptu/on-demand winter trucks
- Allow the possibility of an earlier departure from Fairbanks
- “DHE was extremely late, driver did not address lateness, drove very slow.”

Overall, “transportation has been excellent.”

Lab Space

“We were always able to request and be granted additional space when needed.”

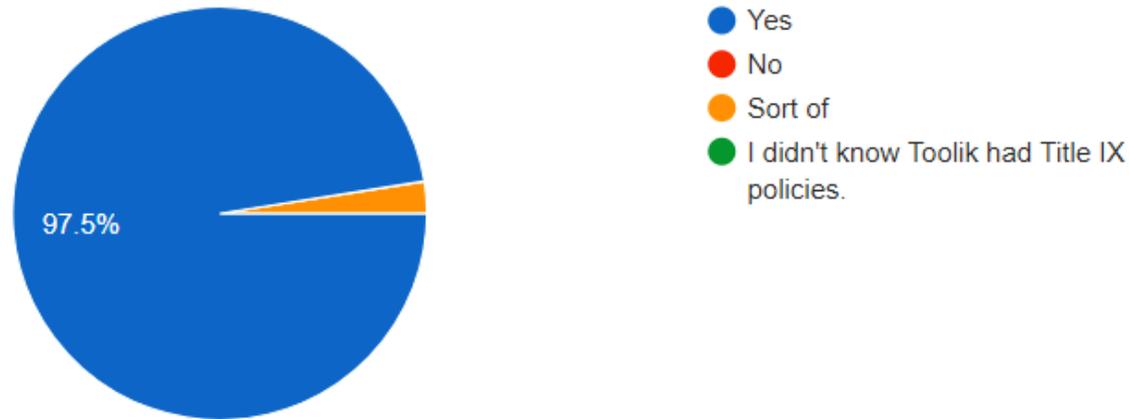
Specific requests:

- Scheduling system so users can anticipate the arrival of people who will share lab space.
- Lab tents are not suitable for some work (e.g. using high-precision balances, mass specs, etc.), but requests to move were always accommodated.
- Better chairs for lab space – many of the old chairs are not designed for very low/very high lab benches.

Title IX

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

40 responses



"I was impressed by the title IX training curriculum and also the effort around the research station to foster a safe and inclusive environment."

"It helped me feel safe."

"It is needed!"

Possible room for improvement:

- *"The Tupperware question... is a little flippant."*
- *"I don't think the scenarios in the training are super realistic."*
- More information about Title IX during camp orientation, including sauna rules, would help to make this something that people talk about in camp in a serious way, instead of just existing on paper/on a computer.