

# Toolik Grad Student and Postdoc Survey

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# Thank you!

Amanda, Baker Ben, Chad, Colin E., Colin F., Faustine, Faye, Genevieve, Glenn, Jeb, Jenna, Jorge, Justin, Pete, Randy, Seth, Skye, Stevie, and Travis were all mentioned by name as being particularly supportive and helpful.

*“Toolik is a wonderful place to work, and it’s all thanks to the staff.”*



# Research support

- **EDC Common Use Equipment** used by **78%** of respondents
- **EDC Environmental Data** used by **36%** of respondents
- **GIS/Spatial Analysis** used by **43%** of respondents
- **Science support services** used by **50%** of respondents

# Equipment, Data, and Support Services

*“We’re grateful for all efforts of Toolik Staff to make sure that equipment is not stored in animal housing areas of winter lab. This was much better this year than previous years with the new winter storage space in the garage.”*

*“It’s easy to work in all lab facilities.”*

## **Specific requests/concerns:**

- Possibility to reserve space in other labs/elsewhere to store very large quantities of samples.
- Persistent issues with DI water machine (mentioned in 2017 as well) – but efforts of staff to fix this appreciated.
- Daily “snowed”/ “did not snow” data from EDC.

# Transportation

- 66% of respondents traveled to Toolik on a Science Truck or DHE vehicle.
- 80% of respondents used NSF trucks while in camp.
- 33% used UAF trucks.
- 7% used MBL trucks.
- 33% used boats
- 20% used snowmachines

## **Specifically appreciated:**

- New trucks
- New reservation system

## **Specific requests/concerns:**

- Wider boardwalks at high-traffic sites.
- More boats (sometimes limited supply).
- “DHE was extremely slow, 12 hours, stopped frequently to look for butterflies.”

*“Everything worked well, from the introduction event to departure from the station with the Toolik truck.”*

# Camp life/General feedback

*“I was really amazed with the quality of food and the sauna was so amazing!”*

*“Despite being active from dawn to dusk I still managed to gain weight during my three-week stay at Toolik.”*

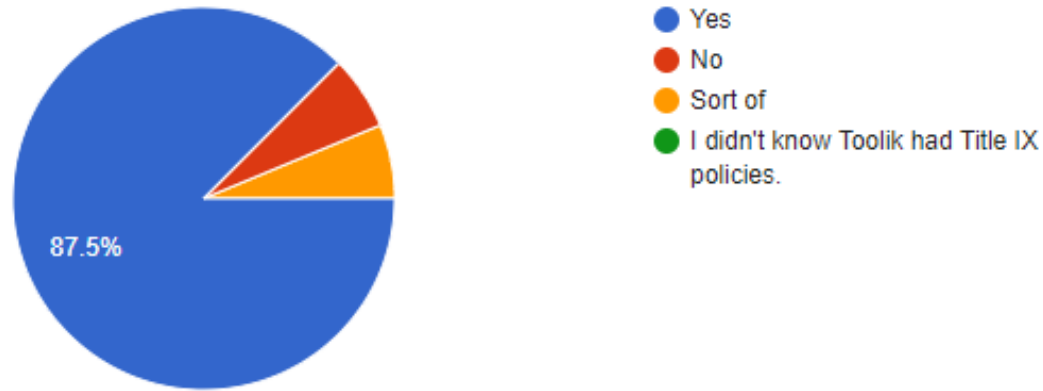
## **Specific requests/concerns:**

- No EMT on staff early August 2018 – severe skin infection potentially could have been avoided with prompt care.
- Tan colored weatherports very hard to sleep in.
- Several people mentioned supporting the creation of a scholarship fund for student userdays/travel.

# Title IX

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

16 responses



*"One of the best Title IX trainings I've done (and I've attended 2 colleges under investigation, so I've taken plenty)."*

*"The revamp of the Title IX quiz to reflect more real scenarios and get rid of the tupperware question was very much noticed and greatly appreciated."*

Possible room for improvement:

- "Mandatory, facilitated discussion for everyone that stays at camp for more than a week. This could help make the community feel more safe for women, people of color, queer or gender non-conforming individuals."*
- Clarification to the Toolik community regarding the current alcohol policy following rumors of changes in UAF's policy last year. *"Maybe being reminded of [these possible changes in policy] will give extra incentive to folks to be responsible towards themselves and others when drinking?"*

*“Toolik is an amazing resource, and very dedicated to students. Thank you!”*

