NSF Report to the UNOLS AICC

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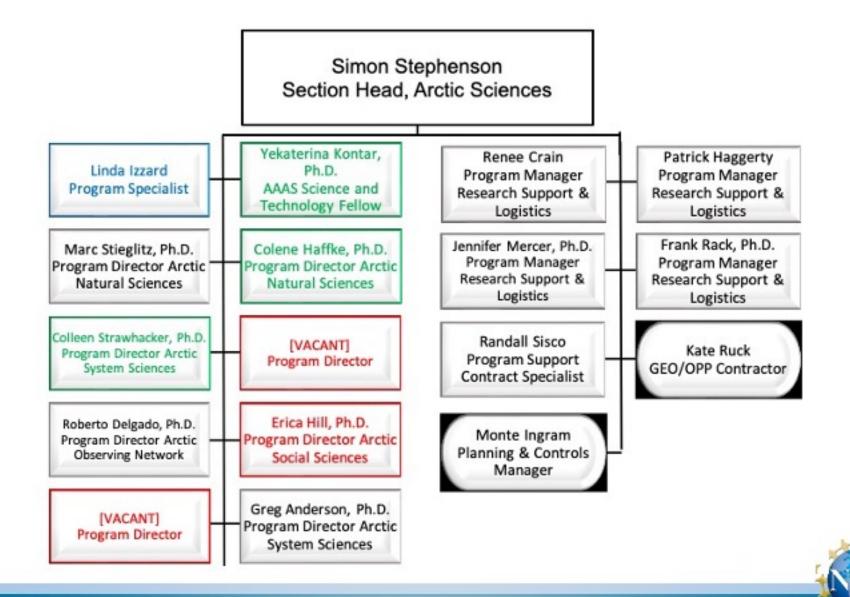


NSF Budget Update

Appropriations	FY20	FY21
Research & Related Activities:	\$ 6,737 M	\$ 6,910 M
Education and Human Resources:	\$ 940 M	\$ 968 M
Major Research Equipment & Facilities Construction (MREFC):	\$ 243 M	\$ 241 M
Other (Agency Operations & Award Management, OIG, NSB):	\$ 358 M	\$ 346 M
NSF Total:	\$ 8,278 M	\$ 8,487 M



Office of Polar Programs - Arctic Sciences Section



Office of Polar Programs - Arctic Sciences Section Program Officers

Arctic Natural Sciences (ANS): Colene Haffke*, Marc Stieglitz

Arctic Observing Network (AON): Roberto Delgado

Arctic Social Sciences Program (ASSP): Erica Hill*

Arctic System Science (ARCSS): Greg Anderson, Colleen Strawhacker

Paleo Perspectives on Climate Change (P2C2): Frank Rack

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*new to Arctic Sciences in the past year

AAAS Fellow: Katia Kontar

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Arctic Research Opportunities (NSF 21-516)

NSF Arctic Sciences: Programs and Priorities Under NSF 21-516

<u>Arctic Natural Sciences (ANS)</u> investigations to advance understanding of Arctic *processes*.

Arctic Observing Network (AON) makes field observations to detect and understand Arctic system change....and generate data that are intended for wider use by the scientific research community.

Arctic Social Sciences Program (ASSP) supports the study of Arctic social and cultural systems, present and past, and research relevant to understanding these systems. The program has a special interest in a wide range of indigenous scholarship.

<u>Arctic System Science (ARCSS)</u> projects that study systems of the Arctic operating at multiple temporal and spatial scales, systems that can inform our understanding of Arctic processes, and the relationship of Arctic systems to other global and regional systems...

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Navigating the New Arctic (NSF 21-514)

One of NSF's 10 Big Ideas

NSF-wide initiative to tackle

convergent scientific

challenges

Proposals due March 5, 2021

Information: http://bit.ly/NNAatNSF

Contact NNA@nsf.gov



https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505594



Navigating the New Arctic (NNA) Community Office



Alaska Pacific University (APU), the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), and the University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) will host the Navigating the New Arctic Community Office.

The NNA-CO's central objective is to support communication, coordination, and learning within the NNA community and beyond. In addition, the NNA-CO will implement its mission through the following four strategic objectives:

- Co-production of Knowledge
- Convergence Research
- Education and Outreach
- Open Science



https://nna-co.org/



Battelle Arctic Research Operation (ARO) Team









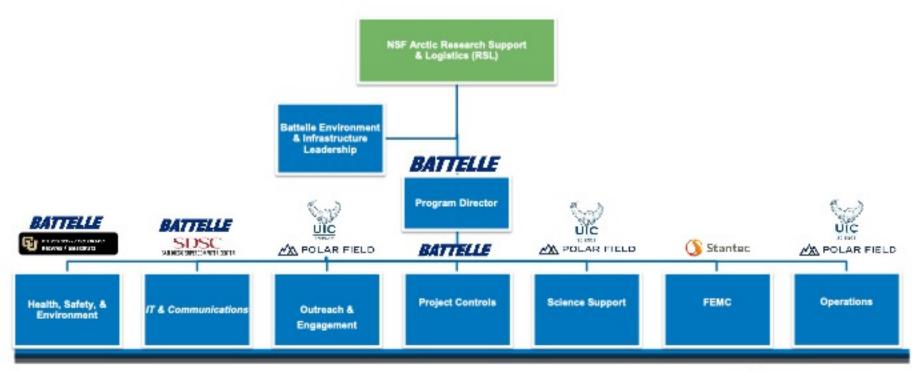








Battelle ARO Team - 10,000ft View





https://battellearcticgateway.org/

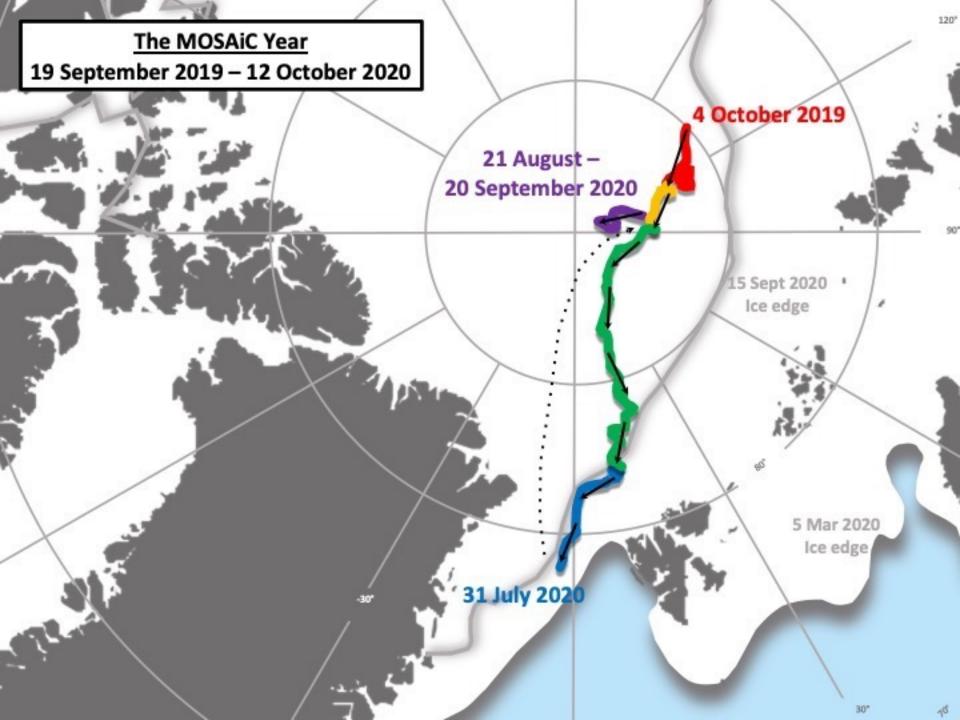
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Impacts of COVID-19 on Arctic Research

- The primary goals remain the health and safety of our program participants and preventing the introduction of COVID-19 to communities or research stations in the Arctic.
- Toolik Field Station and Utqiagvik can support a limited number of researchers.
 Assistance with remote measurements and sampling is available upon request.
- A few scenarios are being evaluated to determine feasibility regarding Greenland operations for the coming year
- Anyone going to the field with NSF support must follow a quarantine and testing protocol developed by the Arctic support contractor and comply with all institution, state, regional, local, and tribal travel requirements.
- Research on vessels is proceeding following strict testing and quarantine protocols.

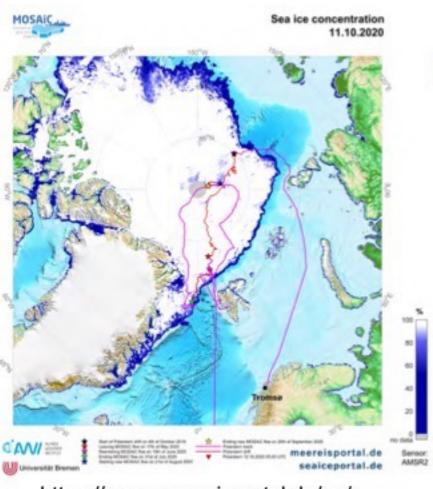






Actual Drift Trajectory and Resupply

The MOSAiC Expedition had **five (5) legs [Sept. 2019 through Oct. 2020].**Six support vessels plus KBA TO aircraft assisted with DN set-up and crew exchange.



Start of MOSAiC expedition – *Polarstern* departs Tromsø on 20 September 2019; *Akademik*Federov departs Tromsø on 21 September 2019;
Akademik Federov returns on 28 October 2019.

- <u>Leg 1</u>: 20 September 2019 to 13 December 2019
 <u>Kapitan Dranitsyn</u> [11/27/19 1/1/20] Tromsø
- Leg 2: 13 December 2019 to 24 February 2020
 Kapitan Dranitsyn [1/29/20 3/31/20] Tromsø
 Assisted with fuel by Admiral Makarov
- Leg 3: 24 February 2020 to 4 June 2020* (KBA)
 R/V Sonne and R/V Maria S. Merian
 [5/18/20 6/15/20] Bremerhaven
- <u>Leg 4</u>: 4 June 2020 to 12 August 2020 Akademik Tryoshnikov [8/3/20 – 8/24/20] Bremerhaven
- Leg 5: 12 August 2020 to 12 October 2020*
 - * MOSAiC Expedition leaves ice floe 20 Sept. 2020, Polarstern arrives Bremerhaven, Germany.

https://www.meereisportal.de/en/

Northwest Passage Project (NPP) - Free Screening of Documentary Film "Frozen Obsession"

The 60-minute version of the film will be screened unless otherwise noted.

- Florida International University Thursday, February 4, 6pm EST
- California State College Channel Islands Monday, February 8, 6pm PST
- City College New York Thursday, February 11, 4pm EST
- Virginia Commonwealth University and Richmond Virginia Environmental Film Festival – Friday, February 12, 6:30pm EST (Note: The full 100-minute version of the film will be screened at the film festival).
- Penn State University Tuesday, February 23, 5pm EST
- University of Rhode Island Thursday, February 25, 3pm EST
- Alaska Sea Life Center Monday, March 1, 5pm EST
- Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Film week of March 1
- Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Panel Thursday, March 4 at 5pm EST

https://northwestpassageproject.org/the-documentary/



Thank You! Any Questions?





Photo by Bill Schmoker (PolarTREC 2010), ARCUS

https://www.supportvesselsofalaska.com/



https://inter-j01.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fdat/vessels/81

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