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The University of Alaska is developing an Arctic Leadership Initiative that will advance UA's Arctic engagement, position Alaskans as world leaders in Arctic issues, and amplify Alaska Native voices in Arctic policy development.

The Arctic Leadership Initiative is designed to:

- Position Alaskans as world leaders in the Arctic;
- Give students and early career professionals the foundation and network needed to lead in the changing Arctic; and
- Enhance the reputation of UA's universities as centers of Arctic expertise

To help kick-start the initiative, President Pitney is creating a cohort of

- Purpose: Showcase and advance UA's Arctic engagement in Alaska nationally and internationally.
- Up to three President's Arctic Professors will be recognized in this initial round
- Priority will be given to proposals that increase impact from UA's Arctic activities elevate UA's competitive position and generate new partnerships and/or funding
- The base Colleges/Institutes will receive \$40,000 annually for two academic years for the Arctic Professor's salary support
- Recipients will support the Arctic Leadership Initiative by sharing Arctic experiences with colleagues, helping build community among postdocs and early career professionals involved in the initiative, and participating in either a fall or spring student retreat