



PRESS RELEASE

Sitka Sound Science Center Accepting Applications for 2017 Scientist in Residency Fellowship Awards Polar and Subarctic Scientists of All Disciplines

January 15, 2016: The Sitka Sound Science Center is excited to announce that applications are now open for the third round of a fellowship program funded by the National Science Foundation to attract pre-eminent polar and subarctic scientists to Sitka. The program offers several one month-long fellowships for polar scientists each year. Expenses for travel, one month of lodging, per diem and a small honorarium will be provided to each fellow. The scientists would be given lab and office space and SSSC would provide administrative support.

The Polar Scientist in Residency Fellowship (PSIRF) brings scientists annually to Sitka for one-month sabbaticals. The Fellowship is limited to US Citizens and is intended for mid-career scientists (not graduate students). Scientists live on the Sheldon Jackson Campus, now owned and operated by the Sitka Fine Arts Camp, and are provided office and laboratory space at the Science Center. The short sabbatical will allow scientists undisturbed time that can be used in a variety of ways: data analysis, manuscript preparation, experimentation, collaboration, or simply thoughtful process. At the same time they will learn what Sitka has to offer researchers in terms of logistical support, research opportunities and resources.

The PSIRF Fellows will spend a week of their residency in outreach and education activities to share their work in the schools and at other forums like public library programs, lunch meetings with students, and science cafes. They will give a lecture to the general community through the Natural History Seminar series put on by the Science Center and supported by the Sitka Charitable Trust and the University of Alaska Southeast. Fellows will also be provided guidance on best practices for communicating science to a public audience in rural Alaska.

The five year NSF award is from the Office of Polar Programs. UAS Associate Professor Jan Straley is the Principal Investigator for the project. Lauren Bell is the Director of the program. Applications and further information is available at the SSSC website www.sitkascience.org/SIRF

Deadline for application is April 1, 2016

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