



Alaska

Paleontology Expedition

Set sail on an unparalleled expedition along Alaska’s rugged coastline, a remote and breathtaking frontier where fossils reveal the story of shifting climates and ancient ecosystems. Aboard a research vessel, you’ll navigate stunning glacial fjords and untamed wilderness, gaining hands-on experience in paleontology and geology while uncovering fossils that deepen our understanding of this dynamic region. Join IFR for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure contributing to groundbreaking research in one of the world’s most awe-inspiring settings.

Why you’ll love this program



Real-World Research

Be part of a research mission collecting important baseline data in this geologically complex region.



Field & Lab Skills

Learn fossil prospecting, collection, & documentation, GIS mapping, & more.



Unforgettable Location

Sail along Alaska’s breathtaking coastline in an active research vessel, exploring areas few have ever visited.



Make a Difference

Help preserve Alaska’s rich fossil record for the Alaska State Museum, guiding future research and discoveries.

Field School Details

Summer Program in Alaska

- Online module (pre-arrival) + 2 weeks onsite in Alaska
- Earn 6 semester credits/9 quarter credits
- Fieldwork, seminars & lab-based research
- Expedition route along Alaska’s Alexander Archipelago
- Shared living quarters in 72 ft. research vessel + meals included



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Institute for Field Research

Make an IFR Field School Your Next Adventure

Our programs take you straight into the field, where archaeological sites and dynamic ecosystems become your classroom. Don't just study abroad—participate in important research, develop real skills, and make a lasting impact. With IFR, you're not only seeing the world—you're uncovering it.

Admissions at a Glance

- One-on-one guidance available
- Competitive tuition rates
- Simple online application
- Quick decision turnaround
- Rolling enrollment deadlines
- All majors & academic backgrounds welcome



The World is Our Classroom

Immersive field training programs in the U.S. and around the globe ranging from 2-6 weeks in length.



Field Research that Matters

Unique programs in archaeology, environmental science, paleontology and more.



Career-Ready Skills

Transformative field experiences that develop life and professional skills you can learn no place else.

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