



Rif Field Station: Call for applications for 2019

Rif calls for applications from scientists, university students or groups interested in utilizing the station's facilities for various research and monitoring projects

What is Rif Field Station?

- RFS was founded in 2014. One of its goals is to become a center of Arctic research in Iceland.
- The station is part of [INTERACT](#) and one of three stations within the research network that have started to implement and test the [Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program](#) (CBMP) of [CAFF](#).
- The station is supported by six Icelandic research institutions and the Norðurþing municipality.

The station's main objectives are to:

- Promote and enhance research and monitoring in Melrakkaslétta based on the area's unique natural environment
- Collect, keep track of and share information on nature and research
- Support the local community, e.g. through education and guidance on environmental management

Why a research station in Melrakkaslétta?

- Melrakkaslétta peninsula is well suited for Arctic research as it is classified as Low Arctic and easily accessible.
- Climate change and increased human activity in the Arctic call for increased surveillance, research and monitoring.
- RFS's objectives are in harmony with Icelandic policies and commitments in Arctic affairs.
- Iceland is part of the Arctic Council and is taking over the chairmanship in 2019-2021.



Research possibilities

RFS provides access to a specific research area – The Rif land in Melrakkaslétta, which includes Iceland's northernmost point. The area provides infinite possibilities for research and monitoring within the field of natural science, e.g. related to:

- Vegetation and bird life
- Freshwater biology
- Coastal ecosystems
- Geology and geomorphology

Melrakkaslétta and the Raufarhöfn village are also interesting for the study of human-nature interactions and rural development. The link to CAFF, CBMP and INTERACT provides possibilities for international collaboration.

Facilities

- Accommodation and working facilities for handling of specimens and material, along with a small office space with excellent internet access.
- The station is situated in the village of Raufarhöfn, 15 km from the main research area. All necessary services, e.g. bank and post office, healthcare center and a grocery store, are within 10 min walking distance.

Applications should be delivered via email to rif@rifresearch.is

Application forms are available through: rifrannsoknir.wordpress.com/applications/

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