

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between the  
Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program  
and the  
University of Alaska Southeast  
2015-2018**

**Purpose:**

Both the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) and the Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program (ANSEP) at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) support the development of an active ANSEP component at UAS. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to clearly identify the components of this cooperative arrangement. Both ANSEP and UAS desire to create a clear pathway for ANSEP students to complete the Bachelor of Science degree at UAS, with particular emphasis in Marine Biology or Biology. It is understood that ANSEP students who enter Engineering degrees will be directed toward UAA or the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF); ANSEP students interested in Biology or Marine Biology will be connected with UAS faculty and staff who can describe opportunities at UAS.

**UAS commits to:**

1. Provide the appropriate classes and educational opportunities for cohorts of ANSEP students to complete their Biology or Marine Biology degrees in a timely fashion.
2. Provide a welcoming environment for ANSEP students on the UAS campus including appropriate study and conferencing space, and appropriate student-centered support services.
3. Assist ANSEP students in obtaining internships and/or research opportunities in Biology, Marine Biology, Fisheries or similarly related fields.
4. Identify specific faculty members who will mentor and work closely with ANSEP students.
5. Provide appropriate office space for a 1/3 FTE ANSEP faculty member to support the ANSEP students.
6. Coordinate regularly with UAA ANSEP staff about student needs, program development needs, marketing needs, and updates to this MOU.

**ANSEP commits to:**

1. Connect ANSEP students with UAS faculty and staff who can describe opportunities at UAS in Biology and Marine Biology degree programs.
2. Provide financial support for the *University Success* and *Graduate Success* components on the UAS campus.
  - a. *University Success* items include recitation, connections to internships and research opportunities, supplemental advising, weekly ANSEP meetings, merit based scholarships, payment of costs associated with participation in professional conferences, and team building activities.
  - b. *Graduate success* items include those listed above in University Success and fellowship support for qualified students.

3. Provide student development beginning with ANSEP Middle School Academy and extending through the *Graduate Success* component.
4. Provide business development with partners all across Alaska and the nation.
5. Provide funding to support a 1/3 FTE ANSEP faculty member for the students.
6. Coordinate regularly with UAS about student needs, program development needs, marketing needs, and updates to this MOU.

**Points of Contact:**


In fulfilling the terms of this MOU, the following individuals will serve as regular points of contact:

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**Term of the Memorandum of Understanding:**

This MOU is valid from September 1, 2015 until August 31, 2018, and will be reviewed at least once annually or as otherwise needed. Either party may suggest changes or amendments to the document; all changes that become part of the MOU will be approved by both parties.

**Signatures:**

  
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