

Spring 2024 Welcome Letter

As the Director of the Graduate School, I want to take this opportunity to welcome our new and continuing graduate students for the Spring 2024 semester. Whether you are beginning or continuing your studies, I would like to thank you for your commitment to graduate studies at UAF. I and the rest of the Graduate School team, Emeline Jones, Mandi Goddard, and Maddie Chetty, are here to support you in your success. Our office is available virtually and in-person by appointment.

To our new students, our Spring Orientation for new graduate students is Friday, January 12, and is a hybrid event. You can find all the details on our website www.uaf.edu/gradschool. To our continuing students, I am impressed with the stories I continue to hear from faculty members about the progress you have made this year as you have adapted to the realities of the pandemic. Despite these challenges, the opportunities for graduate study that attracted you to Alaska and UAF remain, and new opportunities will continue to emerge. To students who are preparing to graduate this semester, congratulations on reaching this milestone under extraordinary circumstances.

We will be keeping our website updated with details about our operations and programs this semester. The site supports live chat with the staff. We will also share information through our listserves ([GradAcademic-L](#) and [GradSchool-L](#)) and Facebook page. You can email us at uaf-grad-school@alaska.edu.

Thanks once again for choosing to study at UAF, and all the best for this semester.

- Richard Collins, director of the graduate school