

Director of the Stefansson Arctic Institute

The University of Akureyri seeks a visionary leader to serve as Director of the Stefansson Arctic Institute (SAI) for a five-year term, with potential for renewal. The role is based at the Akureyri campus, North Iceland.

About the Institute

SAI is a leading research and academic center at the University of Akureyri, focused on interdisciplinary Arctic studies in the social sciences and environmental fields. It fosters national and international partnerships and contributes to education at undergraduate and graduate levels.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Shape and lead the research strategy and daily operations of SAI
- Foster collaborations across academia, policy, and industry
- Manage funding, finances, and reporting
- Represent SAI in national and international fora
- Contribute actively to Arctic research and teaching

REQUIREMENTS

- Doctorate in a relevant field, with expertise in Arctic studies
- Recognized academic qualifications (assistant/associate/full professor)
- Leadership experience in academic or research environments
- Proven ability to secure research funding
- Fluency in English; Icelandic proficiency is an asset



Why Akureyri?

Akureyri is a vibrant town of 20,000 offering excellent schools, services, outdoor activities, and a warm community. The University campus overlooks Eyjafjörður fjord, offering modern research and teaching facilities in a uniquely collaborative and peaceful setting.

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