

**POSITION TITLE: Director, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies**

**EMPLOYER: Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies, University of Alaska**

**LOCATION (City, State): Anchorage, Alaska**

**WEBSITE:**

**<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/instituteforcircumpolarhealthstudies/caas/index.cfm>**

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

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Substance abuse is one of the leading determinants of population health in Alaska. The Center for Alcohol & Addiction Studies (CAAS) was established by the University Board of Regents in 1972 to address the problem of substance abuse in the state. The CAAS is the only research unit at the University of Alaska dedicated to addiction research.

The Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies (ICHS) is seeking a Director for the CAAS. The focus of the position will be on health issues of particular relevance to the residents of Alaska. Prospective research foci will include the determinants of substance abuse behaviors including alcohol, tobacco, and other harmful substances, protective factors associated with resilience in the face of such effects, and practical interventions to mitigate or treat such behaviors. This position will work with interdisciplinary teams of UA faculty to conduct research contributing to the knowledge base regarding the role of social and physical determinants of population health in Alaska and the circumpolar north. The successful candidate will lead the CAAS-ICHS Addiction Studies core, actively collaborate with state, national and international organizations in cooperative discussions, and conduct research and activities designed to improve health conditions in the circumpolar north. In addition, this position will supervise research staff and students.

This position offers a highly competitive salary and initial support for the development of research collaborations and collection of preliminary data. Anchorage offers a thriving metropolitan social events and immediate access to world-class skiing, hiking, and fishing.

The successful applicant for this position will have a terminal degree, MD, PhD, DrPH or equivalent-level training, and expertise and publications in at least one of the following areas: injury control, environmental health, epidemiology, biostatistics, and/or survey research. Experience in managing research programs and raising funds for research, building collaborative relationships with the community, and conducting and managing empirical public health and health systems research and analysis, as well as college-level teaching experience. Extensive experience in rural health is highly desirable, including past success with Alaska Native/American Indian populations. An established record of external funding is required, along with demonstrated leadership in multidisciplinary professional areas are preferred.

Review of applicants began on January 31, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled. Prospective applicants can find additional information and apply for this Director position at [www.uakjobs.com](http://www.uakjobs.com)