



# Rif Field Station: Call for applications for 2018

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?

- The station is part of [INTERACT](#) and has been chosen as one of three stations within the research network to start implementing and testing 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
- Support the local community, e.g. through education and guidance on environmental management

## Why a research field station in Melrakkaslétta?

- Melrakkaslétta peninsula is well suited for such activities 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
- Rif's objectives are in harmony with Icelandic policies and commitments in Arctic affairs
- Iceland is part of the Arctic Council and will be taking over the chairmanship in 2019-2021



## Research possibilities

Rif provides access to a specific research area – The Rif property 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 regarding human – nature interactions and rural development. The link to CAFF, CBMP and INTERACT also 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 is available.
- 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 centre and a grocery store, are within 10 min walking distance.

**Applications should be delivered via email: [rif@rifresearch.is](mailto:rif@rifresearch.is)**

Application forms are available through: [rifrannsoknir.wordpress.com/applications/](http://rifrannsoknir.wordpress.com/applications/)