

FIELD STATIONS FACT SHEET



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What is a Biological Field Station?

Biological field stations are the infrastructure and resources that support STEM research and education. Field stations are central to research, conservation, K-12 education, and progress of the U.S. strategic scientific agenda. Field stations enable the **effective and efficient use of NSF and other federal funds** by facilitating scientific progress, collaboration, and data synthesis.



A Vital Resource

Training the next generation of scientists, leaders, and voters

11,000+ scientists from across the globe use U.S. field stations each year
17,000+ K-12 students engage in STEM education at field stations each year

Local Economy & Community



Field stations diversify their local economies with high skill jobs &
Foster relationships of trust between scientists and the local communities

Taxpayer Support



Biological field stations facilitate effective and efficient use of an estimated \$1.2+ Billion in federal funds annually

Globally Important

Biological field stations facilitate work on the world's most pressing questions

- Public health (emerging viruses)
- Water conservation/quality
- Flood and wildfire mitigation
- Food scarcity & biosecurity



Global Competitiveness

Enabling cost effective and high impact U.S. science and training, biological field stations are critical to maintaining U.S. scientific leadership globally

A National Network

Biological field stations connect communities with STEM and diversify local economies in all 50 states,

