For the last 75 years, starting in 1946, JIRP has been a program of scientific and personal discovery for thousands of participants. The summer on the icefield was transformational in many people's lives inspiring them to become glaciologists, teachers or doctors to founding Marmot outdoor gear to landing rovers on the surface of Mars. The FGER Fund for the Future (FFF) was created to provide additional long-term stability to JIRP through yearly, self-generated income and a board-restricted source of funds for extraordinary emergencies.

The generated income will be used for enhanced infrastructure, science equipment, reducing student expenses, reducing student field fees, and student scholarships among other possible uses. All of these uses will improve on the experience of students and make the icefield program accessible to more people.

In the case of an extraordinary emergency (for example, the Covid-19 pandemic eliminated all regular, non-donation income), the board can vote with a supermajority to allocate a minimum amount to stave off the crisis and ensure the survival of JIRP. Using the principal of the fund is the last resort, not a first step, in an emergency. The FGER Board is instructed in the founding document of the fund to reinvest some of the generated income, if possible, every year to have the fund grow at a compounding rate.

The initial goal for the Fund is $500,000 which will provide yearly between $10,000 to $13,000 of income for the operations of JIRP.

The Fund for the Future will give JIRP the financial stability and income to plan for the future and better accomplish its mission of teaching, training, and inspiring the scientists of the future.

For ways to give to the Fund for the future please visit:
www.juneauicefield.org/support-jirp/ways_to_give_FFF