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You are invited to become an Associate of the Marine Sciences Research Center

What is the Marine Sciences Research Center?

The Marine Sciences Research Center is well known for its research on marine problems of the coastal zone within the basic disciplines of physics, chemistry, biology, and geology and for its effective interdisciplinary approaches to the resolution of complex environmental problems. The research undertaken is both basic and applied, and the scientists of the Center are committed to the translation of their research findings into forms useful for the management, and when necessary, for the rehabilitation of the coastal environment. The Center is the only unit within the State University of New York system devoted to the study of oceanography and one of a very few institutes in the country concentrating on the coastal zone - that part of the world ocean with which man has his most intimate contact and upon which he makes his greatest impact.

The Marine Sciences Research Center also trains marine scientists in the resolution of the problems of the coastal environment, both theoretical and applied, through its graduate programs.

What Associates do for the Center.

While the Marine Sciences Research Center is generously supported by the State University system and receives substantial funds for specific research from Federal, State, and County agencies and from private institutions, such support is normally committed to prearranged ends and takes a long time to secure. The funding structure cannot respond rapidly to opportunities.

The support of the Associates gives the Center the flexibility to act when action is needed.

Over the past few years there have been substantial reductions in governmental and private foundation support for coastal oceanographic research and for management of our coastal environments.

At the same time, society's uses of the Coastal Ocean have intensified and conflicting demands have placed a greater stress on coastal marine environments. If the MSRC is to continue to respond to growing needs and opportunities, it will have to increase the support it receives from individuals, groups, and corporations.

Interdisciplinary research is another area in which the Associates help. Such work, while often promising, frequently "falls between the cracks" of established categories. The uncommitted support of the Associates can change a "nice idea" into solid knowledge.

Associates can encourage student excellence by providing funds for fellowships and awards to honor outstanding work. Their uncommitted funds can be used to publish research in forms useful to the general community, a form of scientific publication not now well provided for by established channels. New research can be started while the long process of securing funds from other sources is underway and needed specialized equipment provided which would be otherwise unobtainable.

While the contribution of the Associates may seem modest in comparison with the total budget of the Center, being uncommitted, it provides the much needed flexibility any center must have to become and remain great.

What the Center does for its Associates.

Each Associate receives the quarterly "Newsletter" of the Marine Sciences Research Center. This publication keeps Associates informed of current research and the progress that is being made in our understanding of the coastal marine environment.

Each year the Center holds an open house for its Associates during which scientists and students discuss their work and exchange ideas with the Associates. The open house includes a demonstration "oceanographic cruise" aboard the Center's R/V ONRUST.

Each year the Center reports to its Associates the uses which have been made of their support and the role that support has played in the Center's research.

Most important, the Associates Program provides each Associate a channel through which he can express personally his interest in research at sea.

Payments in support of the Associates Program are tax deductible. The Center welcomes uncommitted support, but an Associate may, if he wishes, designate the area to which he wants his contribution applied.

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