

MARINE SCIENCES RESEARCH CENTER

ASSOCIATES PROGRAM



Marine Sciences Research Center Associate's Program

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

What is the

Marine Sciences Research Center (MSRC)?

Located on Long Island's north shore in Stony Brook, MSRC is the only center for marine sciences education and research in the New York State University system. The Center's focus of scientific concentration is the coastal ocean—a fact that puts us squarely in the center of issues important to Long Island's citizens. MSRC research programs involve all the bodies of water surrounding Long Island, as well as distant waters, often in cooperation with foreign universities.

MSRC is internationally known for its innovative and effective approaches to the resolution of complex environmental problems. But it is the linking together of scientific research with society's needs that places the Center at the leading edge of world developments in coastal marine issues. And MSRC scientists are committed to translating their research findings into information that can be used to aid in management and rehabilitation of the coast.

Their successes have been many, but many challenges remain. The diversity of coastal environments from metropolitan New York to the eastern forks of Long Island is greater than any coastal area of equal size in the United States, and our population density is higher. A gradient of environmental conditions from severely degraded near New York City to pristine in the east presents an array of problems to tackle—problems that MSRC scientists view as opportunities to make a difference.

Who are Associates of MSRC?

MSRC Associates are citizens interested in the coastal zone, which encompasses all of Long Island. Associates of all ages typically are those who have active and committed environmental concerns about the wise use, protection, and conservation of Long Island's coastal environment.

What do Associates do for MSRC?

The funding we receive from federal, state, and municipal agencies and private sources is typically for specific research projects. That means these monies have been issued as a result of a lengthy process of applications to granting

agencies and are specifically for the project as outlined in that proposal. For an unexpected research opportunity, however, a special source is needed—a flexible source that does not have specific starting and ending dates and that is available without delay.

Because the Associates' support is unspecified, it is especially valuable in helping MSRC scientists take advantage of unexpected research opportunities, in starting new research programs for which funding is being sought, and in conducting interdisciplinary research, which often "falls between the cracks" of established funding categories. This flexibility means that a "nice idea" can be turned into solid knowledge—one of the greatest contributions the Associates make.

The Associates also nurture the future with fellowships and awards and increased possibilities for public outreach programs. What the Associates provide is returned back to the general community in the form of research publications designed to give the public solid knowledge on which to base planning. This kind of scientific publication is much needed, but not generally provided by traditional channels.

In comparison with the total budget of the Center, the part contributed by the Associates may seem modest. But its flexibility is irreplaceable.

What Does the MSRC do for the Associates?

For Associates, either as individuals or representatives of a corporation, club, or other organization, MSRC serves as a source of solid scientific information related to their environmental concerns. Underlying any effective action, there must be applicable knowledge. An Associates Program is the channel for disseminating such information. And an Associate is a conduit for transmitting information about the coast to others.

Special informal information sessions, such as a breakfast discussion series on coastal issues, are held periodically, and a quarterly Newsletter keeps all in the MSRC family informed of current research and outreach programs and progress in understanding of our coastal marine environment.

Join us

Contributions in support of the Associates Program are tax deductible. The Center welcomes uncommitted support, but an Associate may, if she or he wishes, designate an area to which a contribution shall be applied.

Associate categories

Associate categories	Contribution
• Life (one-time gift)	\$5,000
• Corporate	\$2,500/year
• Sponsoring*	\$500/year
• Club (social organization)	\$250/year
• Regular*	\$100/year
• Representative of local government	\$100/year
• Junior (for high school students)	\$50/year

*Sponsoring and Regular Associateships are family memberships: both husband and wife are included.

Application instructions:

To apply for membership, please complete both sides of the attached application, providing all requested information. Those applying for gift memberships should complete application in recipient's name and provide donor information below. Make check payable to the Stony Brook Foundation, Account 267040, and mail to:

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Stony Brook, New York 11794-5000

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