

## JOINT PROGRAM WITH WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION

MIT and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) (<http://mit.who.edu>) on Cape Cod offer several joint degrees, including doctoral degrees in oceanography and doctoral, professional, and master's degrees in oceanographic engineering.

Graduate study in oceanography encompasses virtually all of the basic sciences as they apply to the marine environment: physics, chemistry, geology, geophysics, and biology. Applied ocean science and engineering allows for concentration in the major engineering fields of aeronautics and astronautics, civil and environmental, mechanical, and electrical engineering and computer science.

The graduate programs administered by joint MIT-WHOI committees draw from the faculty and staff of both institutions. Students accepted to the Joint Program have access to the extensive intellectual and physical resources available for advanced study at both Woods Hole and MIT.

The Joint Program involves several departments at MIT—Biology, and Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences in the School of Science; and Aeronautics and Astronautics, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Mechanical Engineering in the School of Engineering.

Financial aid, offered as research assistantships or fellowships to most entering graduate students, is sufficient to cover tuition and fees and provide a stipend. Upon admission, students register in the appropriate MIT department and at WHOI simultaneously, and are assigned academic advisors at each institution.

Research at WHOI is devoted to using the basic sciences and engineering to gain a better understanding of the marine environment. Some 200 scientists and engineers and a support staff of about 600 work in laboratories located in the village of Woods Hole and on the nearby Quisset Campus. Another 75 people operate three research vessels (ranging from 177 to 279 feet in length), the deep-diving submersible ALVIN, and smaller coastal vessels. WHOI also has remotely-operated research vehicles and autonomous underwater vehicles. Computer services provided within WHOI include links to other institutions and to national networks.

A videoconferencing system between MIT and Woods Hole provides interactive transmission for classes, meetings, and other joint events. Specialized research facilities include the National Ocean Sciences Accelerator Mass Spectrometry Facility and the North-East Regional Ion Microprobe Facility. The library facilities shared with the Marine Biological Laboratory are supplemented by collections of the Northeast Fisheries Center of the National Marine Fisheries Service and the US Geological Survey's Office of Marine Resources Branch of Atlantic Geology, all located in Woods Hole. The village is situated on the southwest corner of Cape Cod, about 80 miles from Boston.

Subjects, seminars, and opportunities for research participation are offered at both MIT and WHOI. Place of residence is determined by the student's selected program of study and research interests, and transportation is provided between institutions. Students have the opportunity to participate in oceanographic cruises during graduate study.

The faculty of MIT, together with the WHOI scientific staff, offer a wide variety of formal and informal subjects in various aspects of oceanography and areas directly applicable to ocean science and engineering; both faculties are equally involved in all levels of instruction. The subjects are supplemented by numerous seminars, directed studies, and cross-registration privileges with Harvard, Brown, and the Boston University Marine Program. Complete listings can be found in the subject descriptions of each individual department.

### Physical Oceanography

Physical oceanography is the study of the physics of the ocean. Its central goal is to describe and explain the complex motions of the ocean. Principal research areas include general circulation, air-sea interaction, shelf dynamics, mesoscale processes, and small-scale processes. The Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences offers programs in physical oceanography with WHOI, which lead to the Doctor of Science or Doctor of Philosophy degree.

### Chemical Oceanography

Chemical oceanographers study the chemical composition of the marine environment and the processes that have produced the present composition of sea water and sediments. Principal research areas include water column geochemistry, sedimentary geochemistry, seawater-basalt interactions, and atmospheric chemistry. The Departments of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences and Civil and Environmental Engineering offer programs with WHOI in chemical oceanography and marine geochemistry. These programs lead to the Doctor of Science or Doctor of Philosophy.

### Marine Geology and Geophysics

The goal of Marine Geology and Geophysics is to understand the physical and chemical processes that determine the structure and evolution of the ocean basins and their margins. Research is being conducted in a wide range of specialties including micropaleontology, paleoceanography, petrology and volcanic processes, seismology, gravity, magnetics, heat flow, sediment dynamics, and isotope geology. The Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences at MIT offers programs with WHOI in marine geology and geophysics which lead to the Doctor of Science or Doctor of Philosophy.

## Biological Oceanography

Biological oceanography seeks to describe and understand the biological processes which are active in the marine and bordering environments. The research of biological oceanographers is diverse, including ecology, toxicology, biochemistry, animal behavior and physiology, and molecular biology. The Department of Biology, and the Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences at MIT offers programs with WHOI in biological oceanography, and may involve research in other MIT departments such as the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. The programs lead to the Doctor of Science or Doctor of Philosophy.

## Applied Ocean Science and Engineering

Applied ocean science and engineering involves the application of physics and the engineering sciences to the study of oceanic processes and the design of instruments, systems, and structures required to observe, measure, and work in the ocean. The Departments of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Mechanical Engineering offer joint programs with WHOI in oceanographic engineering. The programs lead to the master's degree, engineer's degree, Doctor of Science, or Doctor of Philosophy.

## Inquiries

Application for admission (<https://gradapply.mit.edu/whoï>) to the Joint Program in Oceanography and Applied Ocean Science and Engineering with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) should be made using Slate, MIT's online graduate application system. Requests for further information may be sent to [mit-whoï-www@mit.edu](mailto:mit-whoï-www@mit.edu). Information on the joint program (<http://mit.whoï.edu>) is available on its website.