

# A Unique Partnership: Massachusetts Institute of Technology Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution



It all began on the deck of the WHOI research vessel *Chain*, on May 8, 1968 when Howard W. Johnson, President of MIT, and Paul M. Fye, Director of WHOI, signed a simple Memorandum of Agreement approving "...the creation of a Joint

Graduate Program in Oceanography for which there will be established appropriate graduate degrees to be conferred jointly by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution."

Today the MIT/WHOI Joint Program is considered one of the world's most prestigious graduate degree programs in marine science and engineering. It is a critical resource for the ocean science community and continues to train the next generation of oceanographic leaders. During its first 40 years, the MIT/WHOI Joint Program has awarded 813 degrees to students from around the world.

Today more than ever, ocean issues are at the forefront of the nation's environmental agenda. The Joint Program is producing graduates who contribute basic insights to a broad range of important scientific themes ranging from the climate impacts of the large-scale circulation in the ocean to the microbial processes that control the productivity of the sea.

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The Gakkel Ridge expedition had eight MIT/WHOI Joint Program participants: Henrietta Edmond, Ph.D.; Susan Humphris, Ph.D.; Mike Jakuba, Ph.D.; Clay Kunz, Joint Program student; Chris Linder, M.S.; Chris Murphy, Joint Program student; Claire Willis Pontbriand, Joint Program student; and Hanu Singh, Ph.D.