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New Center for Oceans and Human Health established

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Scientists from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Marine Biological Laboratory and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have joined together to form the Woods Hole Center for Oceans and Human Health, WHOI announced Monday.

The new center, with administrative offices at WHOI in Falmouth, will serve as a focal point for research on oceanographic, biological and environmental health sciences, such as harmful algae-based blooms and organisms in coastal waters and estuaries that cause human illness and death.

This new Woods Hole Center and three others being established around the country are the first in a new collaboration between the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, one of the National Institutes of Health, and the National Science Foundation. The four joint centers will be located at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, the University of Miami, the University of Hawaii, and the University of Washington.

More than 20 proposals were submitted from around the country for similar centers, with four selected for funding. The federal agencies expect to invest a combined total of \$5 million annually for the next five years to support the four centers.

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