

Collaborative Endeavor

New East Coast Oceanographic Consortium expands marine research opportunities at UNH

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RESEARCH VESSEL ENDEAVOR

UNH’s ability to study and explore the ocean is about to expand, thanks to its inclusion in a new high-profile oceanographic consortium based in New England.

UNH’s involvement in the newly formed [East Coast Oceanographic Consortium](#) will provide its scientists and graduate students with access to

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another research vessel and opportunities for further scientific collaboration. The consortium convenes three major institutions — the University of Rhode Island’s Graduate School of Oceanography, UNH and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution — along with 11 associate member institutions and universities with a shared goal to expand collaborative marine research and education opportunities among consortium members. The consortium members will take over operations of the R/V Endeavor, which is based at URI, for its remaining years. In the meantime, consortium members will submit a proposal to operate a new regional class research vessel.

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“The consortium offers the opportunity for an already dynamic community of East Coast marine scientists to work more closely together,” says Larry Mayer, professor and director of the [School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering](#) and the [Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping](#) at UNH. “The efficiencies gained through this collaboration will have long-term impact on our ability to better understand our oceans and their impact on our lives.”

Direct, hands-on access to the new research vessel will enable UNH to contribute to a well-trained workforce of ocean-going scientists able to drive the next generation of ocean science questions and initiatives, according to Mark Milutinovich, the director for UNH’s Large Center Development.

“This high-profile consortium effort recognizes UNH’s world-class capabilities in ocean mapping and visualization, oceanography, marine biology and ocean engineering,” Milutinovich adds.

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