

# Institute Initiatives

- These are planning efforts that can lead to sustained and significant funding for teams of WHOI investigators who share a common research interest in coastal ocean science
- Supported activities might include:
  - small teams who meet to develop science plans and white papers, and to take appropriate implementation actions
  - workshops or symposia to develop a science plan and implementation strategy for an initiative
  - Scientific investigations needed to obtain critical data or prove a concept will not be considered under this funding category, as that can be accomplished through a research project proposal.

# How will “initiatives” be funded?

- Initial funding to allow teams to formulate implementation strategies
- Seed money from COI to be leveraged towards larger grants (Fellows, research grants, students, postdocs, etc.)
- “Program” funds to multiple projects through COI (if themes are re-defined and narrowed)
- Major donors (e.g., individuals, foundations)
  - TRI, Arctic Initiative, Abrupt Climate Change...

# Development Office approach towards initiatives

- Fluid situation at present (Strategic Plan)
  - Will affect Institute funding priorities and process
  - Will affect Development interactions with donors
- Need science strategy document and advocacy group within WHOI
  - Identify compelling questions, objectives, priorities, benefits
  - Cost estimates
  - Presentations and tours with visiting donors