

4-C. What is the strategy for new starts (projects, techniques, campaigns, etc)?

Approaches vary. The Visiting Scientist funds allow JIMAR to send UH scientists to planning meetings, site visits to facilities (e.g., AOML, PMEL), and scientific conferences. We also may host non-NOAA scientists. This is a fundamental way of bringing scientific teams together to develop initiatives. We have limited ability to fund post-doctoral fellows to pursue new initiatives.

A portion of recovered indirect cost funds are also available to support these efforts. In FY 2003 the Director made available to each UH JIMAR Senior Fellow \$6,000 of recovered indirect costs (r-funds, in UH fiscal parlance) to use in pursuit of new ideas.

Completely new research themes must be presented to the Administrative Board and incorporated in Cooperative Agreement proposals. The fate of these themes depends heavily on success in grantsmanship by the JIMAR scientists.