The Friday Harbor Laboratories (FHL) are well-situated for research on marine biology and oceanography. The waters around San Juan Island are relatively free from pollution and although the salinity is often like that of the open ocean, there are a few estuarine locations of low salinity. There are swift tideways as well as quiet bays and lagoons. A tidal range of about three meters exposes diverse intertidal areas of rock, sand, and mud. The flora and fauna are exceptionally rich. Representatives of nearly all major groups of marine algae and invertebrates can be collected at the shore and depths down to 300 meters can be explored by dredging and other collecting techniques. Organisms important for research in physiology, development, and ecology are available.

The islands of the San Juan Archipelago are generally rocky, forested and rimmed by precipitous shores. The islands were strongly glaciated and have valleys with lakes, swamps and bogs. The varied terrestrial and freshwater habitats offer diverse flora and fauna for classes and researchers.

The 484-acre tract of land on which the Laboratories are sited, and the marine waters of the region in general, are biological preserves. The Laboratories also manage biological preserves at False Bay and Argyle Lagoon on San Juan Island, at Point George and Cedar Rock on Shaw Island, and other areas. These preserves provide a wide range of protected terrestrial and marine environments for short-term and long-term research projects.

Research at FHL is conducted throughout the year. It is a principal function of the Friday Harbor Laboratories to provide facilities for visiting investigators from national and international institutions. FHL also has a permanent resident research program. Laboratory space and housing for investigators and visiting classes are available year-round. Investigators and students are encouraged to use the facilities outside the busy instructional period in summer. Accommodations are also available for college-level educational groups, for field trips, meetings and symposia. Individuals who wish to apply for research space and housing should do so online at http://depts.washington.edu/fhl/res_index.html. This Web site also includes a list of researchers at Friday Harbor Laboratories for previous years and their publications.

FHL endorses San Juan County’s Marine Stewardship Area. FHL visitors are asked to assist in protecting a list of researchers at Friday Harbor Laboratories for previous years and their publications.

FHL’s four boats and a limited number of tanks and weights for specific projects approved by the Diving Officer (DO). Study site information as well as check-out dives are provided by the Diving Officer.

The Friday Harbor Laboratories library provides a core collection of books, journals and electronic resources with a focus on the marine sciences. Areas of emphasis include developmental biology, cellular biology, oceanography, fish biology and marine ecology. Access is available to the UW libraries catalog, journal indexes, electronic references, news sources and journals.

A collection of preserved marine animals and plants is available as an aid to identification and location. In addition, files of collecting and study-site surveys and color transparencies of local marine life and habitats are maintained for reference.

Most imports of marine species into Washington State for research are illegal without a permit from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Permits, when granted, will require strict quarantine of non-native organisms with no contact with the FHL seawater system.

Persons intending to work with fish at Friday Harbor Laboratories, including field collecting must have University of Washington Animal Care Committee approval before holding fish in laboratory aquaria for experimental purposes.

Courses and Research Apprenticeships

FHL offers educational opportunities for students in spring, summer and autumn. Students earn credits through the University of Washington (UW) but do not need to currently enrolled at UW to attend. Courses and apprenticeships are taught by faculty of the University of Washington as well as other universities and research institutions.

Research Apprenticeships are intense, full-time research training experiences offered to qualified undergraduates and post-baccalaureates in spring and autumn (10-11 weeks). Small groups (6-12 students) work on a focused research study guided by faculty and graduate student mentors.

The instructional program in summer is intended primarily for graduate students with the exception of Marine Invertebrate Zoology. Well-qualified undergraduates may be admitted to graduate-level courses with the consent of the director and the faculty of the courses. Summer courses (5 weeks) may be taken sequentially, but not concurrently.

Additional information and FHL’s online application form can be found at http://depts.washington.edu/fhl/stu_index.html.

Scientific Facilities

Laboratories and Equipment The teaching and research laboratories consist of twelve buildings with running sea water. Walk-in cold rooms, microtechnique room, flume and shop are available. Analytical equipment for general use includes centrifuges, computers, scintillation counter, an HPLC, a LC-Mass spectrometer, PCR thermocyclers and other equipment for molecular biology, spectrophotometers, culture chambers, fluorescence microscope, video equipment, scanning laser confocal microscopes and electrophysiological equipment. A scanning electron microscope and transmission electron microscope may be used by investigators who have or can obtain appropriate training.

Stockroom The FHL stockroom provides reagents, labware, photographic materials, and small items of equipment at cost to students and investigators. Persons needing unusual materials, large quantities, radioisotopes or special equipment should make arrangements in advance.

Marine Equipment A 58-foot steel research vessel, the R/V Centennial, equipped for dredging, trawling, net hauling, and water sampling is available for classwork and research. The services of an R.O.V. submersible capable of working to 1,000 foot depths are also available. Rowboats and outboard powered boats can also be used.

Facilities for Scuba Diving Divers certified by the University of Washington (AAUS) may use
The Whiteley Center

The Helen Riaboff Whiteley Center provides a retreat for established scholars and artists to study, write, create and interact with collaborators in a peaceful and stimulating environment. Scholars of any discipline may work at the Center for stays of several days to three months, undisturbed by the conflicting demands of their academic and artistic careers.

The Center building provides four study rooms, a meeting room, access to the internet and AV equipment. Seven cottages located adjacent to the Study Center provide housing for scholars. Arthur and Helen Whiteley established this Center as a place of collegial interaction, a tribute to the faculty of the UW, and a gift to scholars of all nations. For additional information visit http://depts.washington.edu/fhl/Whiteley.

Scholarship and fellowship support is available to qualified students in need. This funding derives from generous donations from FHL alumni and friends of the Laboratories. Financial aid is awarded on the basis of need and merit; admission decisions are not influenced by financial aid requirements. Support is available to both undergraduate and graduate students. For additional information regarding scholarships and fellowships please visit http://depts.washington.edu/fhl/studentFellowships.html.

FHL will support a post-doctoral scientist for a two-year appointment to establish an active research program and assist the Director and Resident Associate Director in facilitating the efforts of visiting scientists and students. Applications are welcome from scientists with qualifications in any area of marine research readily supportable by FHL. For additional information regarding post-doctoral fellowships, please visit http://depts.washington.edu/fhl/resPdocFellowInfo.html.

Mellon Faculty Support

Mellon Foundation support is available for qualified visiting faculty and researchers who bring cultural or ethnic diversity to FHL. It is intended for independent researchers and faculty who serve as research mentors at any time of the year. Interested persons should contact the FHL director at sebens@u.washington.edu.

The Center for Cell Dynamics

The Center for Cell Dynamics (CCD) conducts innovative research that combines experimental cell and developmental biology with computer modeling. Founded with a NIH-NIGMS Center of Excellence award promoting the emerging field of computational biology, the Center is led by Dr. Garrett Odell. The Center’s mandate is to cross-train scientists in bench biology and mathematics/computational modeling techniques while working on complex problems that require both approaches. Research focuses on understanding the mechanisms of morphogenesis, cell division, cell polarization and contractility, and the function and evolution of regulatory gene networks. For additional information on opportunities for collaborative student, post-doctoral and visiting faculty research, please visit the CCD Web site at www.celldynamics.org.

The Anne Hof Blinks Research Fellowship Program

The Blinks Fellowship Program offers hands-on, full-immersion summer research internships to 6-8 motivated seniors, post-baccalaureates and graduate students. The program seeks students of diverse cultural backgrounds and interests. By linking fellows with marine scientists, fellows learn both the process and the substance of scientific research. The experience exposes fellows to life and work in a marine science research laboratory. For additional information and project options, please visit http://depts.washington.edu/fhl/REU.html. This program is funded by the Anne Hof Blinks Fellowship and generous support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, ASCB and FASEB and other sources.

Dr. Kenneth P. Sebens, Director

“At the UW Friday Harbor Labs, we are dedicated to providing excellent facilities for research and education, in a region with high biodiversity and unique habitats. We serve a broad user group including researchers and students from many institutions, and from many countries. I hope you can join us at FHL this year.”

Personnel

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Director: Dr. Garrett Odell
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Courses - 2011
UW Friday Harbor Labs

SPRING QUARTER
March 28-June 3, 2011 (Application Deadline: January 10)

THE ZOO-BOT QUARTER
Three integrated courses:
This trio of courses surveys the marine invertebrates and plants represented in the San Juan Archipelago: natural history, adaptations, evolution and taxonomy.

Marine Zoology (Biol 430 – UG, 5 credits)
Dr. Megan Dethier

Marine Botany (Biol 445 – UG, 5 credits)
Dr. Charles O’Kelly

Research Apprenticeship: Intertidal Ecology & Physiology
(Biol/Ocean/Fish 479 – UG, 6 credits)
Dr. Megan Dethier & Dr. Adam Summers

BEAM REACH PROGRAM
March 28–June 3 or Aug 22-Oct 28 (Ocean 360 + Ocean 365)

SUMMER SESSION A
June 20-July 22, 2011 (Application Deadline: February 1)

Marine Invertebrate Zoology (Biol 432-UG, 9 credits)
Dr. Gustav Paulay & Dr. Jonathan Geller
This course takes advantage of the rich marine biota of the Friday Harbor region to teach experientially about marine invertebrate biodiversity, form, function and evolution.

Comparative Invertebrate Embryology
(Biol 536-G, 9 credits)
Dr. Richard Strathmann & Dr. Christopher Lowe
Diversity in development from fertilization through metamorphosis: with live material from >10 phyla for developmental, evolutionary and marine biologists.

Marine Bioacoustics (Fish 507-G, 9 credits)
Dr. Charles H. Greene, Dr. John Horne & Louise McGarry
This course trains advanced undergraduates, graduate students and post-doctoral investigators in the fundamental principles and methods of marine bioacoustics research.

Ocean Acidification (Biol 533-G, 9 credits)
Dr. Terrie Klinger, Dr. Michael O’Donnell & Dr. Andrew Dickson
Essential topics and methods in geochemistry for biologists and others, de-mystifying this essential piece of ocean acidification research.

SUMMER SESSION B
July 25-August 26, 2011 (Applications Deadline: February 1)

Evolution & Development of the Metazoans
(Biol 533-G, 9 credits) Dr. Billie J. Swalla & Dr. Kenneth M. Halanych
Reviews current hypotheses of metazoan phylogenies, using datasets from current databases.

Marine Birds & Mammals (Biol 4xx-UG, 9 cr)
Breck Tyler and Dr. Eric Anderson
The biology of marine mammals and birds - an immersive introduction to the ecology, behavior and physiology of these animals in their natural environment.

Fish Swimming (Fish 565-G, 9 credits)
Dr. Paolo Domenici & Dr. John F. Steffensen
A multidisciplinary course that encompasses biomechanics, physiology, ecology and behavior.

Marine Algae (Biol 539-G, 9 credits)
Dr. Charles O’Kelly & Dr. Paul Gabrielson
A field and lab course focused on algal biodiversity employing classical and molecular methods to characterize and identify local algae.

BLINKS-NSF REU RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
Summer: June – August (8-12 weeks) Application Deadline: February 1
Targeting undergraduates and post-baccalaureates for hands-on research internships; includes financial support.

SCIENTIFIC DIVING (Sept. 6-18 non-credit short course) In addition to AAUS certification this course prepares students who are already certified divers to use SCUBA as tool toward subtidal research.

AUTUMN QUARTER
September 28-December 9, 2011 (Application Deadline: July 1)

MARINE BIOLOGY QUARTER
3 of the following 6 courses, 13-16 total credits

Marine Biology (Biol 250, Ocean 250 or Fish 250-UG, 5 cr)
Dr. Emily Carrington
An introduction to the diversity of organisms inhabiting the marine environment.

Ocean Circulation (Ocean 210-UG, 3 credits)
Dr. Michael O’Donnell
Explore the processes that control the large-scale surface and deep water circulation of the ocean.

Social Change & the Marine Environment
(Envir 450 or Soc 401-G, 5 credits) Dr. Susan Thistle
Examines key problems facing the marine environment, focusing on social groups shaping the problems and their solutions.

Farming, Fish & Local Food (5 credits)
Dr. Susan Thistle Sustainable agriculture and aquaculture

Ichthyology (Fish 311, 5 credits) Dr. Adam Summers
An overview of the wonderful world of fishes.

Research Apprenticeship: Marine Environment Research
(Biol & Fish or Ocean 479 or Envir 499 –UG, 6 credits)
Dr. Susan Thistle, Staff
This apprenticeship guides students in original research from a natural or social science perspective.

Other Research Apprenticeships:
Pelagic Ecosystem Function in the San Juan Archipelago (Ocean 492-UG, 15 credits)
Dr. Jan Newton & Breck Tyler
This apprenticeship investigates the San Juan Archipelago’s pelagic ecosystem from top to bottom.

Spatial Ecology of the Salish Sea Benthos
(Biol 479-UG, 15 credits)
Dr. H. Gary Greene & Dr. Kenneth Sebens
Using acoustical seafloor images, SCUBA and remote sampling, the relationship between the benthic organisms substrate, and habitat types will be quantified.

For full description of classes visit our website:
http://depts.washington.edu/fhl/