

Friday Harbor Laboratories

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The Friday Harbor Laboratories are world renowned for research on marine biology, oceanography and fisheries. The waters around San Juan Island are relatively free from pollution with 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.

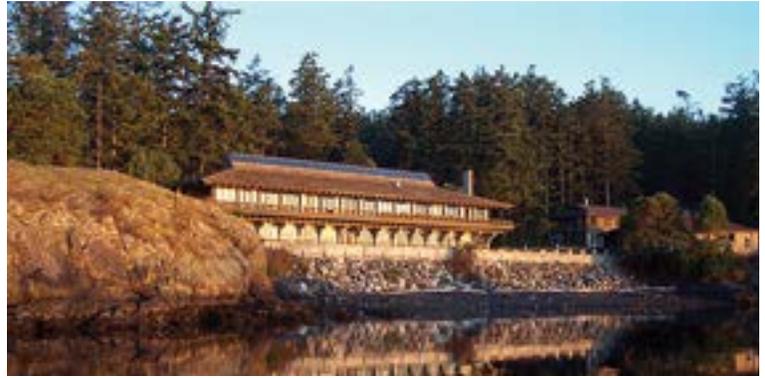
The islands of the San Juan Archipelago are generally rocky, forested and rimmed by precipitous shores. The islands were strongly glaciated and have valleys with lakes, swamps and bogs. The varied terrestrial and freshwater habitats offer diverse flora and fauna for classes and researchers.

The 490-acre tract of land on which the Laboratories are located, and the marine waters of the region 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. FHL has a permanent staff of faculty and researchers, and also provides facilities for many visiting investigators from national and international institutions. Laboratory space

and housing for visiting classes and investigators 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 and 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. Information on researchers and their publications from previous years at Friday Harbor Laboratories is also available on our website.

FHL endorses San Juan County's Marine Stewardship Areas. FHL visitors are asked to assist in protecting fish and invertebrates through rigorous efforts to minimize harvest. See the FHL website for procedures and policies on collecting organisms for research.



Fernald Laboratory at FHL (W. Calvin)

The Friday Harbor Laboratories are located on San Juan Island in Washington state, part of an archipelago that lies near the Canada-USA border. The town of Friday Harbor may be reached by scheduled airline service from Seattle and by Washington State Ferries from Anacortes about 75 miles north of Seattle.

Courses and Research Apprenticeships

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

The instructional program in summer is intended for graduate students and advanced undergraduates. 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.

Courses in spring and autumn quarters (10 weeks) are targeted to undergraduate and post-baccalaureates. Research Apprenticeships are intense, full-time research training experiences offered to qualified undergraduates and post-baccalaureates in spring and autumn. Small groups work on focused research guided by faculty and graduate student mentors. Students report that these experiences make them more likely to choose scientific research as a career option.

Student applications online at:

<http://depts.washington.edu/fhl>
(206) 616-0753 or (360) 378-2165

Scientific Facilities

Laboratories and Equipment: The teaching and research laboratories consist of thirteen buildings with running sea water. Walk-in cold rooms, a microtechnique room, a large flume and a workshop are available. Analytical equipment for general use includes centrifuges, computers, scintillation counter, HPLC, LC-Mass spectrometer, GEMS, 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 with appropriate training. An Ocean Acidification Environmental Laboratory, analytical chemistry laboratory and in-water mesocosms are also available.

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

Facilities for Scuba Diving & Boating:

Scientific divers certified by the UW or other-AAUS institutions may use FHL's four boats and a limited number of tanks and weights for specific projects approved by the Diving Officer. Study site information as well as check-out dives are provided by the Diving Officer.

Library: The FHL 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, marine botany and marine ecology. Access to the UW Libraries catalog, article indexes and electronic journals is available through the library web page.

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. We also offer the services of an ROV submersible, capable of working to 1000-foot depths. Rowboats and outboard powered boats are also available.

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

Importation of Species: 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.

Vertebrate Research: Persons intending to work with fish at FHL must do so under a protocol approved in advance by the University of Washington Animal Welfare Office.

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.



Arthur and Helen Riaboff Whiteley Memorial (K.Ballard)

The Center building provides four study rooms, a meeting room and access to the internet. 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>.



Whiteley Study Center (K.Ballard)

Scholarships & Fellowships

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 needs. 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>.

Post-Doctoral Fellowships

FHL supports a post-doctoral scientist for a two-year appointment to establish an active research program and assist the 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>.

Ocean Acidification Environmental Laboratory



Ocean Acidification Environmental Lab (K.Ballard)

FHL's new Ocean Acidification Environmental Laboratory consists of three major components; the in-water mesocosms installed off the FHL dock, indoor mesocosms with temperature and pH control and an analytical chemistry laboratory. The lab is capable of hosting a wide range of projects and, in addition to serving the needs of FHL and visiting scientists, the lab will host a summer course in 2015. For additional information visit <http://depts.washington.edu/fhl/oael.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 bjswalla@uw.edu.

Blinks/NSF REU/Beacon Internship Program

The Blinks/NSF REU/Beacon Summer Internship program offers hands-on, full-immersion summer research internships to 10-12 motivated undergrads and post-baccalaureates. By linking students with marine scientists, students learn both the process and the substance of scientific research. Participants in the NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates program will work 1:1 with a scientist on a full-time basis for eight weeks. The program is funded by the National Science Foundation and the Blinks Endowment, supplemented with generous support from the Andrew W. Mellon foundation, ASCB, FASEB and BEACON. The 2014 research projects can be found at <http://depts.washington.edu/fhl/REU.html> website.



Blinks/NSF REU/BEACON student researcher (K.Ballard)

Dr. Billie J. Swalla, Director

Friday Harbor Laboratories is a premier marine lab with the primary goals of marine research, education and outreach to the community. We strive for the highest quality and serve students and faculty from UW, across the USA and internationally. I hope you can join us at FHL this year!



Personnel

Administration & Support Staff

Director: Dr. Billie J. Swalla

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Dining Hall: Laurie Spaulding



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Summer low tide (M.S. Holmes)
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