The Alan J. Kohn Endowed Fellowship  
at UW Friday Harbor Laboratories

This endowment provides assistance to graduate students at the Friday Harbor Labs and was established by gifts from family, friends and colleagues of Alan J. Kohn as a tribute to his many contributions as a scientist, teacher, mentor and friend.

Alan Kohn joined the University of Washington Faculty as an assistant professor of zoology in 1961 and formally retired in 1998. He served the academic community well as a faculty member and vice-chair of the Zoology Department and as an officer of scientific societies. Alan has been an inspiring research scientist and mentor to undergraduate and graduate students on the Seattle campus of the University and also at the University’s Friday Harbor Laboratories. Through Alan’s expert knowledge and dedicated teaching, his students were introduced to the fascinating forms of invertebrate organisms and the beauty and complexity of natural marine habitats. Many students of marine sciences at the University of Washington and other universities built successful academic and scientific careers on the foundation of knowledge, interest and imagination set in place by Alan Kohn. In tribute to his inspiring example of creative research, nurturing assistance students, and selfless attention to the demands and duties of university teaching, Alan’s family, colleagues and many friends joined together to establish this fellowship to support graduate students in research or courses in marine invertebrate biology at Friday Harbor Laboratories.