The Mary Roche Fellowship (revised 2013)

This fellowship, in honor of the late Mary Roche, is intended to enable outstanding graduate students to pursue their at-sea research and prepare them to become the scientists of tomorrow. Mary was a graduate student in Marine and Atmospheric Chemistry, earning her masters degree in 1999 and working on her Ph.D. at the time of her death in 2001. Mary’s love of the sea and the time spent on its wondrous waters, was more than a job or part of an educational program, it was a passion. From the Antarctic to waters close to home, she studied, traveled, and explored the ocean’s inner workings. Her family, through an endowment fellowship fund, has given a lasting reminder of her commitment to the Rosenstiel School and the sea. To be eligible, the student’s research must entail some time at sea. The award is expected to be approximately $12,000 each year, contingent upon the funds available from the endowment. The fellowship may be used to cover educational/research-related expenses including stipend, tuition, travel, and books. It will be awarded to one student each year and a student will only be allowed to receive this fellowship once in his/her academic career. The final selection of the fellow, based on academic and scientific excellence, is made by the RSMAS Academic Committee. The recipient will receive the award recognition at the annual School-Wide Awards Ceremony in May. One nomination is requested from each division and should include the following information of the candidate: (1) CV, (2) recommendation from students’ advisor, and (3) a report on the candidate’s ship experience and relevant research. At the end of the fellowship, the recipient will be expected to provide a one-page summary of his/her research work and time spent at sea. At the time of the award, the recipient should send a thank-you letter to the family of Mary Roche.