Scripps’s founding director, William E. Ritter, initially taught students at the Hotel del Coronado Boathouse (1903-05), then in a small laboratory building near La Jolla Cove (1905-09). A commemorative marker identifies the spot now. In 1907, newspaper tycoon E. W. Scripps selected an undeveloped parcel of San Diego city land, north of the village of La Jolla, to be the permanent home of the institution. E. W.’s sister, philanthropist Ellen Browning Scripps, donated the $1,000 paid for the land and the first building was completed in 1910. A century later, more than 1,600 scientists, students, staff, and volunteers pursue Scripps’s mission in more than 350 research programs all over the world, in a wide range of scientific disciplines.

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NOTE:
The tour begins at the southwestern end of Scripps, at the corner of El Paseo Grande and Discovery Way, marked by the number 1.

As you proceed on your tour please notice the plaques that correspond to the numbers on the map. They will provide more historical information about the points of interest on your tour. For more about the Scripps campus and its history, take a virtual tour at scripps100.ucsd.edu

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Professor William E. Ritter, 1903