

Chemistry Department announces formation of fund-raising committees to provide support for a Distinguished Chair in Chemistry to honor Dr. Harold Urey

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The Chemistry Department, University of California, San Diego, announces the formation of three fund-raising committees to provide substantial support for a Distinguished Chair in Chemistry to honor Dr. Harold C. Urey, discoverer of deuterium and Nobel Laureate.

In addition to countless awards, honors and honorary degrees given to Dr. Urey, he will best be remembered in San Diego as one of the founders of the Chemistry Department at UCSD and as a fellow citizen who was always willing to lend his talents and energy to any group promoting a worthy cause. Many creative people can be called brilliant. But Harold Urey literally radiated imaginative ideas and remarkable scientific insights, based on his profound knowledge of physics and chemistry. Above all he was a prime example of the application of sheer human kindness.

Chancellor Richard Atkinson has appointed a National Committee and two local committees and charged them with raising the required amount for the research endowment of the Urey Professorship. This has been set at \$500,000. One-quarter of the amount has already been donated by personal friends and colleagues of Urey. The National and local committees are now soliciting the remaining funds from corporations who have benefited directly or indirectly or who are interested in Urey's work.

The present schedule calls for completing the solicitation of funds during the fall of 1982. The presentation of the Harold C. Urey Professorship in Chemistry is expected to take place on the UCSD campus on April 29, 1983, the ninetieth anniversary of the birth of Urey. An international symposium on "Peaceful Uses for Atomic Energy" will be conducted in conjunction with the presentation.

Donations to the Harold Clayton Urey Professorship in Chemistry from his friends, former students, associates and admirers in academia and in industry may be sent to the attention of Ray Ramseyer, Director of Development, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093

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