

UCSD receives grant from California Student Aid Commission for a pilot work study program

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UCSD RECEIVES WORK-STUDY GRANT

The University of California, San Diego is one of 15 institutions statewide, to receive a grant from the California Student Aid Commission for a pilot, state work-study program. The grant will help pay the salaries of approximately 75 UCSD undergraduates working in private industry.

"We've participated in work-study programs in nonprofit settings before, but this is the first year that the state has created work-study programs in the community in profit-making settings," said Neil Murray, director of the Career Services Center.

The program is designed to reduce college students' reliance on loans by employing them in part-time jobs that are related to their career interests. The matched fund program will benefit both students and employers.

Institutions chosen for the program were selected from community colleges, the California State University system, the University of California system and independent colleges and universities. They were selected on how they proposed to implement the work-study program and the quality of current student employment programs.

UCSD will receive \$9,000 for program start-up costs and administrative costs through June 30, 1988, and \$75,000 in local assistance program funds to match the salaries paid by local private employers. The amount of students' earnings is based on their total financial need.

To select jobs for the program, Career Services Center personnel are meeting with private employers in a diverse range of fields, matching the interests and needs of students who will be participating in the program. All employment opportunities must be career-related and the Career Services Center personnel will determine that students eligible for the work-study program are matched with a job that suits their particular career goal.

"The application for the work-study grant was a joint effort between the UCSD Student Financial Services Department and the Career Services Center and we are pleased to be one of the universities chosen to participate in this state-funded pilot program," Murray said.

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