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Dr. Douglass J. Forbes, an assistant professor of biology at the University of California, San Diego, has been named a Pew Scholar in the biomedical sciences by the Pew Memorial Trust, Philadelphia.

As one of twenty young medical researchers throughout the country to be selected for the program, she will receive a total of \$200,000 in \$50,000 annual installments during the next four years. The awards are the first to be made by the newly formed scholars program.

"The financial support from the Pew Memorial Trust will encourage the researchers to expand their scientific skills in directions that have major implications for the biomedical sciences," said Dr. Robert W. Berliner, Pew Scholars program director and professor of physiology and medicine at Yale University School of Medicine, where the program is administered.

Forbes, who last year completed an American Cancer Society senior postdoctoral fellowship at UCSF, is conducting basic research in cell biology. She is investigating cell functions using synthetic nuclei, with a focus on gene expression and protein transport in and out of nuclei.

"The award will allow me to expand my research and to support additional researchers and a postdoctoral fellow," Forbes said.

"In addition, it will allow me the freedom to take a few more chances in my research," she added.

Forbes earned her Ph.D. in biology at the Institute of Molecular Biology at the University of Oregon, Eugene, in 1979 and her B.A. in biology at UC Santa Cruz in 1973.

She lives in Del Mar.

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