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University of California, San Diego programs in East Asian Studies and Latin American Studies have received two highly competitive Title VI grants from the U.S. Department of Education, naming UCSD as a National Resource Center for these academic areas.

The grants, expected to total approximately \$1.2 million through 1997, will support student fellowships, faculty research, language instruction, library acquisitions, academic conferences and lectures, and outreach programs in K-14 classrooms.

The UCSD Council on East Asian Studies, comprised of the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) and UCSD's programs on Japanese and Chinese Studies, expects to receive nearly \$600,000 in grant funding over the next three years.

"Ever since the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies opened its doors," said IR/PS Professor Lawrence Krause, who led the effort to obtain the Title VI grant for Asian Studies, "we have been trying to be designated as a national resource center for East Asia by the U.S. Department of Education.

Now we have it! The designation brings with it needed financial support, but perhaps more importantly, it brings recognition to IR/PS and the university's other Asian Studies programs as a leading center for research on this area."

UCSD's Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS) will share its award with San Diego State University's Center for Latin American Studies, with whom it formed a consortium and received a Title VI grant in 1985. During the first year of the four-year grant cycle, the consortium will receive approximately \$210,000.

The bulk of the grant for East Asian Studies will go to fund: faculty research and support on China, Japan and Korea; the development of new offerings on Korean politics, economics and advanced language, and to support students with fellowships in East Asian Studies. The grant will also support the expansion of the IR/PS Library's East Asian Collection and the Asian film Archive. UCSD's Extended Studies and Public Service will oversee the teacher education, curriculum development and the outreach activities of the project aimed at the public schools.

The Consortium of Latin American Studies will fund: fellowships for foreign language students; outreach programs for elementary and secondary school teachers; library acquisitions; and new course development on Latin America.

According to CILAS director Peter Smith, the grant "renews the university's recognition as one of the premier centers for the study of Latin America in the country." It will also improve understanding of Latin America

throughout the San Diego region, he added, and will provide needed resources to increase cross-border linkages with Mexico.

The Department of Education's Center for International Education has awarded Title VI grants this year to a total of 118 academic institutions throughout the country to promote the study of a wide range of world areas, including Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia.

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