

Drs. Weger and Wong named Research Fellows by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation of NYC

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Two physics professors from the University of California's San Diego campus today were named Research Fellows by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation of New York City, Chancellor Herbert York announced.

Dr. Meir Weger and Dr. David Y. Wong, both Assistant Professors of Physics in the School of Science and Engineering, were awarded two-year unrestricted research grants in the Foundation's program for basic research in the physical sciences.

The grants allow the scientists a complete freedom of choice in their research, in keeping with the Foundation's policy of "supporting people rather than projects."

Drs. Weger and Wong were among 66 scientists in the United States and Canada who were awarded the 1963 grants, which will become effective this fall. Scientists do not apply for Sloan grants, but are nominated by their department chairman or other scientists acquainted with the nominee's research work and potential.

A distinctive feature of the program is the Foundation's policy of supporting young physical scientists at an early stage of their academic careers.

Dr. Weger's research at UCSD deals with the nature of superconductors and resonance techniques. He is studying materials which are superconducting in very high magnetic fields and relatively high temperatures.

At UCSD since June, 1961, Dr. Weger received an M.S. degree from Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and a Ph.D. in physics from the Berkeley campus of the University in 1961.

Dr. Wong received a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Maryland in 1957, and was at the UC Lawrence Radiation Laboratory from 1958 to 1960. He joined the UCSD physics staff in 1960.

Dr. Wong's research is concerned with elementary particle theories. He is studying nuclear force problems, or the forces that bind nucleons together.

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation's Basic Research Program, started in 1955, has provided some \$8 million in grants to 333 scientists in the United States and Canada.

Three other physics professors at UCSD-- Drs. William R. Frazer, John M. Goodkind and Sheldon Schultz-- were awarded Sloan grants last year.