

Two UCSD Seniors receive Woodrow Wilson Fellowship

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Two University of California, San Diego seniors have been named among 305 college seniors from throughout the United States to receive Woodrow Wilson Fellowships in the 25th annual fellowship competition sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

In addition, two other UCSD seniors have been named Woodrow Wilson Finalists in the annual competition.

Named as Woodrow Wilson Fellows were: Gary G. Matthews, a Revelle College senior from Tracy, California, whose major is psychology, and David B. Roberts, a Muir College senior from San Diego whose major is English literature.

A Woodrow Wilson Fellow is supported by the Foundation for a first year of study at the graduate school of his choice. Funds for the Fellowships have been provided by The Ford Foundation, F.M. Kirby Corporation, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Charles E. Merrill Trust, Helena Rubinstein Foundation, the U.S. Steel Foundation, and by former fellows.

Named as Woodrow Wilson Finalists were: John Q. Adams, III, a Revelle College senior from San Diego whose major is mathematics, and Thomas H. Baker, Jr., a Revelle College senior from Del Mar whose major is history. Finalists do not receive financial support but are recommended for fellowships and assistantships awarded by graduate schools.

The Fellowship winners and Finalists are seniors in 330 colleges and universities in 46 states and all ten Canadian provinces. Twenty-nine percent of the winners are women, a percentage that has remained about the same for the past five years.

In past years, some 17,000 college seniors have become Woodrow Wilson Fellows and more than 6,000 now teach at colleges and universities across the country. Another seven to eight thousand are still in graduate school, preparing for teaching careers.

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