

## **Ford Foundation gives \$18,980 for study of human problems**

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Two researchers at the University of California, San Diego have received \$18,980 from the Ford Foundation for the study of human problems, it was announced today.

Dr. Kenneth L. Bowles, director of the Computer Center at UCSD, received \$6,000 for the training of disadvantaged youths in the emerging field of computer programming, an effort related to national manpower training.

A grant of \$12,980 was awarded to Dr. Wayne Vernon, assistant professor of physics, who will study two hospitals to determine whether conscious or unconscious attitudes by hospital staff affect their treatment to various types of patients.

The Foundation is sponsoring 22 projects on all nine campuses of the University of California with a total contribution of \$241,500. The grant, awarded for the study of some of the most pressing problems of people in California and the nation, was one of five extended by Ford to universities for "meritorious faculty research in urban problem Other universities are Johns Hopkins, Princeton, Northwestern and Yale.

Researchers on other UC campuses are investigating some matters that have received relatively little attention before, such as the alleviation of unique poverty conditions in Chinese communities, including the problem facing women working in the garment industry; the role of the Japanese in California agriculture; Filipinos in the Stockton area; and the small Chinatowns of the Sacramento Delta.

They are also trying to find at least partial answers for such questions as: how to bring medical care to one of San Francisco's most deprived districts, how to improve relations between the Los Angeles Police Department and the community, and how to improve teaching for Mexican-American and black minorities.

The Ford Foundation provided the funds to the UC Regents last spring for use over a 12-month period in the University's urban research and public service program. The funds were distributed following an extensive review of faculty applications by the offices of UC President Charles J. Hitch and the campus chancellors. The funding for all projects ends next June 30.