

Dr. McIlwain awarded a Senior U.S. Scientist Award by Germany's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

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Dr. Carl E. McIlwain, professor of physics at the University of California, San Diego, was recently awarded a Senior U.S. Scientist Award by Germany's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

The award provides funds for Dr. McIlwain to travel to Germany next year where he will conduct research at the Max Planck-Institut fur Aeronomie at Lindau for six months. A space physicist, Dr. McIlwain will perform research in the area of auroral physics.

A member of the UC San Diego faculty since 1962, McIlwain has been awarded two Guggenheim Fellowships, a Space Science Award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a John A. Fleming Award from the American Geophysical Union. McIlwain's space-physics group at UC San Diego has designed and developed various equipment for performing experiments in flight aboard ten U.S. spacecraft. He has served as consultant to the National Academy of Sciences and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and on a panel of the President's Science Advisory Committee.

The Humboldt Award honors American scientists who have gained an international reputation and promotes the interchange of ideas in specified fields between German and American researchers and research institutions.

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