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Two University of California, San Diego, professors are recipients of 1995 Guggenheim Fellowships from the John Simon Memorial Guggenheim Foundation.

Gary W. Cox, professor of political science, and Richard A. Firtel, professor of biology, were among 152 scientists, scholars and artists from the United States and Canada chosen in the annual Guggenheim competition. Cash awards totaling \$4,272,000 will be given to those selected.

The fellowships will support Cox's research on the politics of electoral coalition, and Firtel's work on the regulatory pathways controlling cell-type differentiation in eukaryotes.

Guggenheim Fellows are appointed on the basis of unusually distinguished achievements in the past and exceptional promise for future accomplishments, according to a Guggenheim spokesperson.

Cox earned a doctorate in political science, with related work in economics, econometrics and history, from the California Institute of Technology. He was associate professor at the University of Texas, Austin, before he joined the UCSD faculty in 1987.

Firtel has been a member of the UCSD Biology Department since 1973. He currently is director of the university's Center for Molecular Genetics. Firtel's specialty is the study of basic genetic information.

He received his Ph.D. at California Institute of Technology in 1971, and did his post-doctoral research at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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