

\$5,000 awarded to UCSD on behalf of memorial fund honoring the late Dr. Bernd T. Matthias by the Gulf Oil Foundation

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An endowment fund grant of \$5,000 has been awarded to the University of California, San Diego by the Gulf Oil Foundation on behalf of a memorial fund honoring the late Dr. Bernd T. Matthias.

The grant, part of Gulf's Aid to Education Program, was presented to the university by Dr. Harold M. Agnew, president of General Atomic Company, a subsidiary of the Gulf Oil Corporation. The grants are designed to further the educational programs of worthy agencies, colleges and universities in the United States and its territories.

Matthias, a member of the UCSD faculty for nearly 20 years, died at his La Jolla home October 27, 1980. He was one of UCSD's best-known scientists and director of the university's Institute for Pure and Applied Physical Sciences.

Matthias was a world authority on a phenomenon known as superconductivity, in which many metals, at very low temperatures, lose electrical resistance and carry currents with no energy loss. He is credited with almost single-handedly discovering most of the superconducting materials known today.

In addition to endowment fund grants of the type presented for the Matthias memorial, Gulf's comprehensive program for both students and institutions of higher education include undergraduate scholarships, employee gift matching, capital grants, departmental assistance grants, graduate fellowships and various special grants.

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