

2 Sloan Foundation fellowships here to Dr. John Wheeler, Dr. Robert Vold

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Two professors in the department of chemistry at the University of California, San Diego have been awarded two-year research fellowships by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation of New York City.

Dr. John C. Wheeler and Dr. Robert L. Vold, both assistant professors, were among 79 young scientists chosen throughout the nation for the award from a field of 600 nominations. The finalists, from 46 colleges and universities, were selected by a committee of distinguished senior scientists. The awards average \$8,750 a year.

Wheeler will use his award for further studies in "phase transitions and critical phenomena in multi-component systems," and to initiate new research on "the structure of liquids."

Vold will apply his fellowship funds to research involving "measurement of nuclear relaxation, and interpretation of such measurements in terms of molecular motion."

Wheeler, 31, resides in San Diego with his wife Lois, and four-year-old son, Robby. He received his bachelor's degree from Oberlin College in 1963, and his Ph.D. in chemistry from Cornell University in 1968. He spent two years at Harvard University as a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellow before coming to UCSD in 1969.

Vold, 29, is unmarried, and lives in Del Mar. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1963, and his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Illinois in 1966.

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