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Two researchers at the University of California, San Diego, have been named Fellows by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C.

J. Edwin Seegmiller, associate director of the Stein Institute for Research on Aging at UCSD, and Ruth J. Williams, professor of mathematics, were honored by the AAAS because of their efforts toward advancing science.

They were among 26 professors in the University of California system awarded the prestigious distinction for 1996. New Fellows will be presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue rosette pin, representing science and engineering, at the association's annual meeting Feb. 10 in Baltimore.

Seegmiller, a geneticist and rheumatologist, is considered a pioneer in the translation of genetic research into methods of prevention, detection and treatment of hereditary diseases.

He received his medical degree from the University of Chicago and in 1969 joined the newly established faculty of UCSD's School of Medicine as head of the Arthritis Division. In 1990 he was appointed associate director of the Stein Institute.

Williams' research is in the field of probability theory, and is concerned with random processes and their applications. The field has a number of practical applications, including stock market analyses.

Williams, who received her Ph.D. degree in mathematics from Stanford University, joined the UCSD faculty in 1984. Three years later she won the Presidential Young Investigators Award, which is given to promising young American scientists and engineers to further their research.

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