

Bonner accepted appointment at SSE

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David M. Bonner, one of the nation's foremost geneticists, has accepted an appointment as Professor of Biology at The University of California's School of Science and Engineering, La Jolla.

Dr. Bonner comes to La Jolla from Yale University. He is the first biologist appointed to the School of Science and Engineering and will take part in developing the teaching and research program in biology there.

Born in Salt Lake City, Dr. Bonner is 45. He received his A. B. from the University of Utah and his Ph. D. from the California Institute of Technology. There he worked with George W. Beadle and Edward L. Tatum who in 1958 won the Nobel prize for their studies in genetics.

According to associates, Dr. Bonner is one of the foremost biochemical geneticists in the United States. His work, elucidating the biosynthetic pathway of niacin and the concept of genetic control of enzyme synthesis, resulted in his receiving the Eli Lilly Award in 1954. He has been in the forefront of genetic research for 15 years, and his recent work on gene fine structure may help unravel the question of how a gene works.