UCSD mathematician is elected to NAS

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Richard Hamilton, a professor of mathematics at the University of California, San Diego, has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

According to a recent announcement by the NAS, 60 new members (including Hamilton), and 15 foreign associates were elected to membership at the 136th annual meeting of the Academy held on April 27.

UCSD now has more faculty members-65 who have been elected for membership into the NAS than any other UC campus except for UC Berkeley.

Election to membership in the Academy is considered one of the highest honors that can be accorded a U.S. scientist or engineer. This announcement brings the total number of active members to 1,825.

Hamilton, an authority on partial differential equations, was awarded the Oswald Veblen Prize in Geometry in 1996. The Veblen prize is considered one of the most prestigious prizes of the American Mathematical Society.

The NAS is a private organization of scientists and engineers dedicated to the furtherance of science and its use for the general welfare. The Academy was established in 1863 by a congressional act of incorporation signed by Abraham Lincoln that calls on the Academy to act as an official adviser to the federal government on science and technology matters.

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