

Dr. Suresh Subramani named as Searle Scholar for 1982

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Dr. Suresh Subramani, assistant professor of biology at the University of California, San Diego, is one of 16 biomedical research investigators from throughout the United States to be named as Searle Scholars for 1982.

The Searle Scholars Program was established in 1980 through the Chicago Community Trust with a grant from the trustees of the Searle Family Trust. The current scholars are only the second group of young scientists to be selected for the program. The aim of this program is to identify outstandingly promising young biomedical scientists and to support their first independent research efforts with a minimum of bureaucratic or other limitations, so as to foster creativity and innovation. Each scholar will receive a three-year, \$150,000 grant to support his or her research program.

Subramani, a native of Jabalpur, India, joined the UC San Diego Department of Biology in 1981 after serving for two years as a post-doctoral fellow in biochemistry at the Stanford University Medical Center. He received a B.S. degree from Fergusson College, Poona University, India, in 1972; a M.S. degree in chemistry from the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur in 1974, and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from UC Berkeley in 1978.

As part of a training program sponsored by the National Institute of Education in India, Subramani spent his summers from 1969 to 1974 working in different chemistry or biochemistry laboratories in India.

Subramani's work at UC San Diego will focus on two general areas of eukaryotic molecular biology: genetic recombination and the analysis of gene expression in mammalian cells. Research in these two areas should facilitate a better understanding of processes crucial to the proper functioning of all cells.

Funds for the Searle Scholars Program come from the estates of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Searle. Mr. Searle was president of the research-based pharmaceutical company, G. D. Searle & Co. of Skokie, Illinois, for over 30 years. After consulting with experts to determine the most pressing needs in academic biomedical sciences, members of the Searle family agreed to set up a program to support the research of outstanding persons doing biomedical research in U.S. universities. The selected scholars must have been recently appointed to a non-tenured, faculty position.

Over 160 applications for the Searle Scholars Program were received. The final selection was based on recommendations made by a committee of distinguished scientists with emphasis placed on identifying candidates who have demonstrated the potential to be able to do outstanding, scientific research over an extended period of time.

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