

## **\$50,700 grant given biology department by National Science Foundation**

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A grant of \$50,700 has been made to UCSD's biology department by the National Science Foundation to support a special program in developmental biology, Dr. Herbert Stern, department chairman, announced today.

Part of the grant will underwrite workshop conferences on the UCSD campus involving prominent biologists from institutions throughout the United States and the world, Stern said.

These discussions, with 30 to 40 guest scientists attending, will center around some topic of special interest in the field of biology. During the formal sessions, lasting two to three days, the visiting researchers "will interact with our own faculty biologists" in seminar and group discussions, some of them in UCSD laboratories, Stern explained.

This will be the fourth year UCSD's biology department has organized workshops with NSF support. These sessions have helped to identify UCSD as a major center of biological research, and have contributed to current ratings by the American Council on Education which place UCSD's biology department among the top 10 in the nation in five areas of research and instruction.

Stern described developmental biology as "a study of the causes and events leading to the orderly growth of an organism." As examples, he cited the growth of an embryo from a single cell, and the growth of a plant from a seed.

Part of the current NSF grant will be used to finance certain support facilities on the UCSD campus, including a greenhouse involved in botanical research in the department.

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