

John W. Newport named a Searles Scholar

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Dr. John W. Newport, assistant professor of biology at the University of California, San Diego, has been selected as one of 20 biomedical research investigators to be named a Searles Scholar.

Newport, who joined the UCSD faculty in 1980 as a postdoctoral fellow, will receive a grant of \$180,000 to support his research during the next three years.

Funding for the grants is derived from trusts established by the wills of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Searle. Searle was President of G.D. Searle & Co., a research-based pharmaceutical company headquartered in Skokie, Ill.

Newport, who earned his Ph.D. at the Institute of Molecular Biology at the University of Oregon, is studying the relationship between structure and function within the nucleus of a cell.

The 1985 scholars were selected from more than 130 applicants, sponsored by 75 universities around the United States. The final selection was based upon recommendations made by a committee of distinguished scientists.

According to the scholars program the committee was "particularly concerned with the choice of individuals who had already demonstrated a potential for doing innovative research, and who might be expected to make significant contributions to their chosen profession over an extended period of time."

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