

## **Jean Y.J. Wang named Searle Scholar**

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A University of California, San Diego faculty member is among 20 people who, because of their innovative and productive careers in biomedical science, have been named Searle Scholars by the Executive Committee of the Chicago Community Trust.

Dr. Jean Y.J. Wang of the UCSD Department of Biology will receive a grant of \$157,500 for the support of her research, to be paid during the period of July 1, 1984 through June 30, 1987. The award is limited to persons who were recently appointed as assistant professors. "It's very nice," Dr. Wang said of the award, "especially since I am in the process of setting up my lab. It's good to have the extra support since federal funds are hard to come by."

Much of Dr. Wang's work has been in researching the action of cancer-causing genes and growth regulation.

The 1984 scholars were selected from more than 130 applicants, sponsored by 78 universities in the United States. The 20 awards go to scholars at 19 different institutions.

The Searles Scholars Program was established at the Chicago Community Trust with funds made available from trusts set up under the terms of the wills of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Searle. Mr. Searle was the grandson of the founder of the world-wide pharmaceutical company, G.D. Searle & Co.

Dr. Wang joined the UCSD faculty in the fall of 1983. She received her Ph.D. in biochemistry at the University of California, Berkeley. Her research experience includes a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center for Cancer Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, and a laboratory position in the Department of Biochemistry, UC Berkeley.

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