

## UC Board of Regents approve Rohr Endowed Chair

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ROHR ENDOWED CHAIR IN PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT UCSD APPROVED BY REGENTS

The University of California, San Diego received approval for the establishment of the Rohr Chair in Pacific International Relations today (Friday) from the UC Board of Regents.

Income from the endowed chair, funded by a \$250,000 gift from Rohr Industries, Inc., will support the research and teaching of a faculty member in UCSD's new Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS). Rohr's contribution brings the total number of endowed chairs at UCSD to 31.

IR/PS is the first professional school of global affairs in the nation to focus on the Pacific nations. It was established to train professionals in international relations and equip them to deal with the growing Pacific region, to provide a center of expertise and research on the Pacific Rim and to serve as an instrument for outreach programs on public policy and international management.

Endowments "increase our ability to attract the very best faculty, helping provide the best teaching for students and top quality experts on research and policy making," Peter A. Gourevitch, dean of the graduate school, said. "As a result, students get interesting job opportunities and IR/PS can become a window for San Diego to international policy and management discussions.

"I am impressed with Rohr's generosity, its willingness to invest in the future and to demonstrate the importance of linking higher education to the San Diego community," he added.

"Rohr Industries, as an international aerospace contractor, is aware of the increasing role of Southern California in the Pacific Rim," Harry W. Todd, Rohr's chairman, chief executive officer and president, said. "We believe it is important to support major educational programs such as UCSD's new graduate school to bring the Pacific Rim communities closer together for the economic and general social benefit of all its members."

Rohr manufactures nacelle systems (aerodynamic housings for aircraft engines) and thrust reversers for commercial, military and business aircraft, as well as jet engine components and rocket motor cases and nozzles. The firm, which employs 11,000 people worldwide, has its principal manufacturing plants in Chula Vista and Riverside.

Todd, a member of the Board of Directors of the San Diego Economic Development Corporation, was recently named the National Management Association's 1988 Executive of the Year. An active supporter of UCSD, he was a founding member of the Dean of Engineering's Advisory Council and chairman of the corporate division of the campus' 25th Anniversary Campaign. He and his wife are also members of the Chancellor's Associates.

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