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Mark H. Thiemens, professor of chemistry at the University of California, San Diego, has been named a recipient of a fellowship from the Humboldt Foundation of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The award is given each year to American scientists who are recognized for their activities in research and teaching.

The award was instituted to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Marshall Plan under which the United States helped to rebuild Europe after World War II. The award is designed to promote scientific cooperation between research institutions in Germany and the United States.

In this instance, Thiemens will go to Germany in the fall to do research at the chemical physics institute of Göttingen University.

Thiemens is a cosmochemist whose work on the ratios of various oxygen isotopes in the upper atmosphere has yielded clues to the chemical processes by which our solar system formed. He will use the Humboldt award year to investigate the fundamental chemical physics of a new class of isotope effect discovered in his experimental work.

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