

UCSD Chemist Michael Sailor Receives Camille Drayfus Teacher-Scholar Award

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Michael Sailor, an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of California, San Diego, has been named one of 16 recipients nationwide of the Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award.

The award "is designed to provide external support to young faculty members at early stages of their academic careers."

Of the total \$60,000 award, some \$5,000 is to be allocated to the UCSD chemistry department for undergraduate education. While the objectives of the allocation are left to the department's discretion, the Dreyfus foundation encourages its use for undergraduate research.

"It is the Foundation's expectation that this award will assist these outstanding scientists to continue the high level of achievement in education and research that they have demonstrated thus far," said Robert L. Lichter, executive director of the Dreyfus foundation.

Sailor, who joined UCSD in 1990, has focused much of his research on studies of luminescent porous silicon, conducting polymers and semiconductor thin films. Among other things, he is interested in understanding the chemistry of the materials and their relevance to the electronics industry.

Earlier this year, Sailor was named as one of four researchers at UCSD to receive the Sloan Research Fellowship, granted by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to outstanding scientists and economists.

In 1993, Sailor was one of three scientists from UCSD to receive a Young Investigator Award from the National Science Foundation; he also received the 1993 Beckman Young Investigator from the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, based in Irvine, Calif.

Sailor earned his Ph.D. from Northwestern University, and did postdoctoral work at Stanford University and the California Institute of Technology. He received his B.S. in chemistry from Harvey Mudd College in Claremont in 1983.

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