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Promising assistant professors who show capacity for great distinction in their research will be the beneficiaries of a \$2.5 million contribution to the University of California, San Diego.

The Hellman Family Foundation of San Francisco established the Hellman Fellows program to support and encourage young faculty in the core disciplines. Two-thirds of the available funds were designated for research in the physical sciences, life sciences and engineering, and one-third in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

While the funds may not be used to replace faculty salaries in the academic year, funds may be used for salary supplement in the summer, for research and laboratory equipment, research assistance, research-related travel and other research expenses.

Nicholas Spitzer, chairman of the UCSD Academic Senate, notes that the Hellman Fellows program will "stimulate further dimensions of scholarly research and make an important difference in the upward trajectory of the recipients' careers."

The Hellman Family Foundation created a similar program at UC Berkeley with a gift of \$5 million. Members of the family are longtime supporters--and graduates--of the University of California.

F. Warren Hellman, 60, president of the Hellman Family Foundation, grew up in a prominent San Francisco family. After receiving his B.A. from UC Berkeley in 1955 and graduating from Harvard Business School in 1959, he joined Lehman Brothers Inc., where his father once worked.

At 27, Hellman was the youngest partner in Lehman history. In 1972, at age 38, Hellman became Lehman's president. He resigned in 1977 to start a venture capital firm in Boston. Hellman now heads Hellman & Friedman, a San Francisco-based private investment banking firm specializing in securities brokering.

The initial awardees of the program will be announced by UCSD Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson in June, 1995.

Chancellor Atkinson noted that the Hellman Fellows program is historic in that it provides a significant level of support to the junior faculty at two UC campuses. "The Hellman Fellows program will ensure that our most talented junior faculty receive the necessary resources to achieve a high standard of excellence in their respective fields," he said. "This contribution from the Hellman Family Foundation is an excellent model of a public- private partnership which underwrites one of UCSD's prime assets- -the enthusiasm, vision and dedication of its junior faculty."

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