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Education

The National Science Foundation has announced the initiation, on an experimental basis, of a program to encourage appropriate groups to set up specially devised study opportunities in the fields of science and mathematics for secondary-school students of high ability. Proposals are invited from colleges, universities, and nonprofit research organizations for the summer of 1959. A wide variety of programs will be supported, including but not limited to one or more of the following features: classwork, laboratory visits, field trips, special orientation lectures, and research participation activities in which students work with experienced scientific investigators. Proposal for 1959 summer programs of this type must be received not later than January 5 by the Special Projects in Science Education Section, Division of Scientific Personnel and Education, National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D. C. Suggestions for the preparation of proposals are available from the same source.

Approximately 1100 predoctoral and postdoctoral fellowships for advanced study in the sciences will be awarded by the National Science Foundation in March 1959. Candidates must be US citizens who have demonstrated special aptitude in science and who will begin or continue their studies at the graduate or postdoctoral level. Predoctoral fellowships are available to those who are working toward the masters' or doctoral degrees in the first, intermediate, or terminal year of graduate study and to college seniors who expect to receive a baccalaureate degree during the 1958-59 academic year. All applicants for predoctoral awards will be required to take an examination designed to test scientific aptitude and achievement. This examination, administered by the Educational Testing Service, will be given on January 19, 1959, at designated centers throughout the US and certain foreign countries. Fellows will be selected on the basis of ability as evidenced by letters of recommendation, academic records, and other evidences of attainment. Their qualifications will be evaluated by selection panels and boards of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council. Final selection of fellows will be made by the National Science Foundation. Annual stipends for predoctoral fellowships range from \$1800 to \$2200; postdoctoral fellows will receive \$4500 per year. Dependency allowance of \$500 per annum for spouse and for each dependent child will normally be available. Tuition and laboratory fees and limited travel allowances will also be provided. Fellows may attend any accredited nonprofit institutions of higher education in the US or nonprofit institutions of higher education abroad. Applications for the NSF graduate and postdoctoral fellowship programs may be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Academy of Science-National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N. W., Washington 25, D. C. The closing dates for the receipt of applications are December 22, 1958, for postdoctoral applicants and January 5, 1959,



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Lowell Technological Institute, Lowell, Mass., has instituted a four-year course in engineering physics leading to the BS degree. The course is under the direction of Charles R. Mingins, chairman of the Division of Engineering and head of the Institute's Department of Physics and Mathematics.

Publications

A series of articles concerning experiments in machine translation from one language to another has been translated from the Russian journal Voprosy Vazy-koznaniya (Problems in Linguistics) by the US Joint Publications Research Service—presumably employing old-fashioned human translators. The 72-page publication, containing articles which originally appeared in the period from September 1956 to the close of 1957, is now available in English under the title Experiments in Machine Translation (PB 141383T) and may be obtained from the Office of Technical Services, US Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C., for \$2.00.

The formal Proceedings have been published for three meetings that were described briefly in articles appearing earlier this year in *Physics Today*:

The Plasma in a Magnetic Field: A Symposium on Magnetohydrodynamics, edited by Rolf K. M. Landshoff (130 pp., Stanford University Press, Stanford, Calif., 1958, \$4.50).

Low Temperature Physics and Chemistry: Proceedings of the Fifth International Conference, edited by Joseph R. Dillinger (676 pp., University of Wisconsin Press, Madison, Wisc., 1958, \$6.00).

1958 Annual International Conference on High Energy Physics at CERN, edited by B. Ferretti and sponsored by IUPAP (358 pp., CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, 1958, 45 Sw. fr.).

The National Academy of Sciences has prepared and published the first of a series of bibliographies on the International Geophysical Year to be issued as a joint project of the Library of Congress, the Academy, and the National Science Foundation. It is expected that it will be followed by a second interim volume in the spring of 1959 and later by a final complete bibliography listing all references on the IGY of scientific interest collected by the Library prior to July 1959. The 64-page publication, An Interim Bibliography on the International Geophysical Year, lists more than 700 IGY references published between January 1951 and August 1958. The basis for selection of each entry has been its scientific value, extent of coverage, historical interest, and to a lesser extent its availability. Titles in Russian, East European languages, and Japanese have been translated into English. The existence of complete translations and English summaries is noted where available. The Interim Bilibliography is priced at