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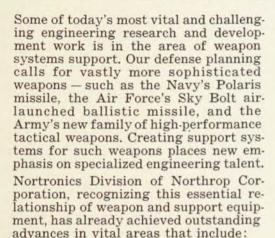
The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation has announced the awarding of thirty new Sloan Research Fellowships (totaling \$480 000) to regular faculty members at twenty-one universities for fundamental research in physics, chemistry, and mathematics. The initial grants are made for a period of two years but may be extended. The new fellowships were awarded under the Foundation's Program for Basic Research in the Physical Sciences and bring the total for 1960 to 119 Sloan Fellows in 44 educational institutions.

A limited number of research associateships, sponsored by the Army's Quartermaster Research and Engineering Command, will be awarded for 1960-61 through the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council. Intended for the support of resident research by visiting scientists in several fields, including physics, biophysics, chemistry, and mathematics, the associateships are tenable only at the Quartermaster Research and Engineering Center, Natick, Mass., or the Quartermaster Food and Container Institute for the Armed Forces in Chicago. Applicants should hold a doctoral degree or its equivalent, and should have several years of research experience which has resulted in publication and recognition as established contributors in their fields. If the applicant is a foreign national, he should have full command of the English language. Stipends will be set by a NAS-NRC board for each individual and will normally provide for approximately the same spendable income as that derived from the individual's normal salary (but not to exceed \$12 000 per year). Awards will be made for one year, subject to renewal by mutual agreement for a second year. Applicants should submit biographical information, a statement of educational and professional experience, a list of scientific publications, a statement of the general nature of problem interest, the names of at least four persons who are acquainted with the individual's academic and professional experience, and assurance that a leave of absence from present work would have the approval of the institution involved. Applications should be sent to the Office of Scientific

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Facilities

Two universities, Cornell and California, have recently established their own specialized centers for research on space problems. In each case the project is staffed by faculty members from several scientific and engineering departments of the university.

The Cornell University Center for Radiophysics and Space Research, organized late last year under the direction of Thomas Gold, professor of astronomy, physics, and electrical engineering, will eventually have access to what is expected to be the world's most powerful and largest radar antenna. The instrument, with an aluminum mesh saucer 1000 feet in diameter and capable of sending 420 Mc signals at a peak power of 2.5 million watts, is to be constructed in Puerto Rico within the next two years under the sponsorship of the Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency. Scientists at the Center will also have at their disposal two other new installations, a radio astronomy receiver to be located south of Ithaca and a transmitting station to be constructed on the outskirts of the Cornell campus. In addition to Prof. Gold, the staff includes Henry G. Booker, who is the Center's associate director, and James P. Cox, Trevor R. Cuykendall, Kenneth I. Greisen, Philip Morrison, Edwin E. Salpeter, Henri S. Sack, Edwin L. Resler, Jr., and Paul F. Weaver. The design of the Puerto Rico radar unit was carried out by several faculty members in Cornell's School of Electrical Engineering under the direction of William E. Gordon.

On the Berkeley campus of the University of California, according to an announcement made in February, an interdisciplinary Space Sciences Laboratory has been established in temporary quarters in buildings recently vacated by the University's Department of Astronomy. In recognition of the growing need for coordinated research in the various areas of science re-