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Visiting Astronomers

The American Astronomical Society, with the continued support of the National Science Foundation, has recently announced the fourth program of Visiting Professors in Astronomy. Participation in the 1961-62 program is open to interested colleges, junior colleges. and universities, and since one of the purposes of the visits is to stimulate interest in astronomy and to promote college curricula in the subject, the Society feels it to be desirable that the program include institutions which do not already offer astronomy courses. The visiting astronomers are prepared to give general lectures, address astronomy classes, participate in seminars, advise students on advanced study and employment opportunities in astronomy, and discuss teaching and curriculum problems with members of the faculty. Visits normally last two days.

Additional information about the program can be obtained by writing to Dr. Franklyn M. Branley, The American Museum-Hayden Planetarium, 81st Street and Central Park West, New York 24, N. Y.

Institute in Biophysics

Since its creation in 1955, the Biophysics and Biophysical Chemistry Study Section of the National Institutes of Health, in addition to its customary function of reviewing research-grant applications, has been conducting special programming activities to stimulate the development of biophysical research and training. In this connection, the Study Section organized and sponsored an experimental conference, the Summer Institute in Biophysical Science.

Held in Cambridge, Mass., from August 28 to September 9, 1960, and attended by 63 mid-college students from sixteen outstanding small liberal arts schools, the Summer Institute was designed to demonstrate the ways in which the principles of the physical



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sciences are applied to the investigation of biological problems, and to answer the questions "What is biophysics?" and "Why biophysics?". By exposing students to current biophysical research it was anticipated that some would undertake graduate studies in this field, Also, the interaction of these students with others on their campus and with their teachers was expected to be of significant value.

Although the central theme of the program was molecular biology, sessions on organ systems and instrumentation were also included. Throughout, emphasis was placed on the biological aspects of the subjects discussed. Daytime lectures were divided into three segments. The first was clearly biological and dealt with cell structure, division, and differentiation. The second was more physically and chemically oriented and covered macromolecular structure and interactions, bioenergetics, membrane phenomena, and instrumentation. In the final phase, nerve and muscle systems were discussed. These topics were not alleged to cover the field of molecular biology completely, but were merely intended to serve as examples. Evening lectures, laboratory tours, and social activities were integral parts of the program.

The organization and evaluation of the Summer Institute are the substance of a report which is available from the Office of the Principal Consultant, Biophysics and Biophysical Chemistry Study Section, 2020 Milvia Street, Room 300, Berkeley 4, Calif.

NSF Fellowships

Applications will be accepted until December 18 for National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellowships and until January 5, 1962, for NSF graduate fellowships. Awards will be made in the mathematical, physical, medical, life, and engineering sciences, in the history and philosophy of science, and in various interdisciplinary fields. Applicants must be citizens or nationals of the United States who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for advanced study in the sciences. Their qualifications will be evaluated by panels of scientists appointed by the National Academy of Sciences–National Research Council, and final selection of fellows will be made by the NSF.

Postdoctoral fellows will receive \$5000 for the first year and \$5500 for subsequent years; the stipends of graduate fellows will vary between \$1800 and \$2200 depending on academic status. Dependency (\$500 for each dependent) and limited travel allowances will be available to fellows in both categories. Graduate fellows will receive allowances for tuition and laboratory fees. Announcements describing the fellowships are available from the National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D. C. Application forms may be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington 25, D. C. Awards in both categories will be announced on March 15, 1962.