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SELECTIONS MADE FOR SEVENTEEN FELLOWSHIP GRANTS FOR FISHERY RESEARCH

Seventeen two-year graduate educational grants in aquatic sciences have been awarded to 12 universities by the Fish and Wildlife Service's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, the Department of the Interior announced today. This new program seeks to attract and assist the scientific manpower necessary to further the Bureau's objectives and also aid the National Oceanographic Program, particularly in the field of fishery research.

Selections were made by Bureau of Commercial Fisheries officials and a panel of consultants from leading universities and private research organizations who advised the Bureau on the relative qualifications of institutions and faculties within each of five general professional fields in which highly qualified scientists will be needed in the near future. These are: Physical or chemical oceanography, biological oceanography or marine biology, fishery biology, taxonomy, and food technology.

Invitations to participate in the program recently were sent qualified educational institutions. Applications were received from 25 universities for the support of 77 students. Although nearly all applications were deemed qualified, the small number of grants available necessitated the decision to support only one research endeavor in a specific field in each institution.

The universities selected, the number of grants awarded each, and the research fields involved are:

University of Washington, three grants, physical or chemical oceanography, fishery biology, and food technology; Oregon State University, two grants, physical oceanography and food technology; University of California, two grants, physical oceanography and biological oceanography; University of Hawaii, one grant, fishery biology; University of Michigan, one grant, taxonomy; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one grant, food technology.

University of Rhode Island, one grant, physical oceanography or biological oceanography; Yale University, one grant, biological oceanography or fishery biology; The Johns Hopkins University, one grant, physical or chemical oceanography; Duke University, one grant, marine biology; University of Miami, two grants, physical oceanography and fishery biology; and Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, one grant, physical oceanography.

Graduate students who will receive the grants will be chosen by the universities. All tuition and fees will be paid, and each student will receive $3,000 for living expenses on a 12-month basis. Married students with children will receive an additional $1,000 family allowance.

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