

the institute is at a higher professional level than that of the former school. Appointments are on two levels—the “participant” level, which requires the equivalent of a doctoral degree in the science and engineering earned in the United States and a background in fundamental nuclear studies, and the “affiliate” level, which requires the equivalent of a doctoral degree in the United States.

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Project Talent. A national survey of the aptitudes and abilities of American youth, called Project Talent, began on 1 March. Approximately 1000 school superintendents and 1400 secondary-school principals supervised 20,000 teachers in collecting data on a representative sample of 460,000 students drawn from all of the 50 states. John C. Flanagan is directing the study, which is being conducted by the University of Pittsburgh with financial support from the United States Office of Education and with assistance from the National Institute of Mental Health and the Office of Naval Research. Results of the survey will be reported later this year.

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Symposium on radioactivity. The AAAS Section on Medical Sciences is sponsoring a symposium on “Radioactivity in Man, Measurements and Effects of Internal Gamma Ray Emitting Radioisotopes,” to be held at Vanderbilt University 18–19 April. The conference was made possible by a grant from the United States Steel Foundation to the AAAS and is supported in part by the Division of Biology and Medicine of the Atomic Energy Commission, by the Public Health Service, and by the Army Medical Research and Development Command. The symposium chairman is George R. Meneely, School of Medicine, Vanderbilt University, Nashville 5, Tenn.

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Arizona medical school. The Board of Regents of the Universities and State College of Arizona has appointed Joseph F. Volker, as of 1 July, to head the Arizona Medical School Study, which is supported by a grant of \$135,000 from the Commonwealth Fund, to determine the state’s need for a college of medicine. Volker, who is director of research and graduate study of the University of Alabama Medical Center, will begin immediately to select a staff for the project; the study is expected to require approximately a year.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Biological psychiatry. The Society of Biological Psychiatry is offering an annual award that has been made possible by the A. E. Bennett Neuropsychiatric Research Foundation. The \$500 award will be given for a recent, unpublished work; part of the \$500 is to be used for traveling expenses to the society’s annual meeting, where the paper will be read. Candidates should be fairly young and need not be members of the society. Papers should be submitted in quadruplicate, *before 30 April*, to Harold E. Himwich, M.D., Chairman, Committee of Award, Galesburg State Research Hospital, Galesburg, Ill.

OEEC. The Organization for European Economic Cooperation and the National Science Foundation have announced that the foundation will act as national center in the United States for the administration of the new program of OEEC senior visiting fellowships. The foundation has also announced that applications for the fellowships are now being accepted and that the first awards, approximately 25 in number, will be made to the selected individuals on 23 May.

These OEEC fellowships are intended to assist scientific and technical institutions to incorporate more quickly into their own advanced teaching and research programs the most recent developments in their own and other countries. Ordinarily, the fellowships will be for periods ranging from 8 weeks to 6 months; in exceptional cases a maximum period of 1 year may be approved. The program will cover most fields of the mathematical, physical, biological, and engineering sciences. (Awards will not be made in this program for work in the social sciences or medicine.)

Any public and publicly supported scientific or technical institution or any private training or research institution of a nonprofit character in the United States, its territories, or its possessions may make nominations for these awards. A candidate must (i) be a citizen of the United States as of 9 May, 1960; (ii) have full professional standing in the field with which his fellowship will be concerned; (iii) have at least 5 years’ experience in research, teaching, or other relevant professional work; and (iv) have the linguistic abilities necessary for study and profitable discussion with colleagues in the country he proposes to visit.

In view of the sponsorship of this program, it is expected that award recipients, in nearly all cases, will plan to study abroad in a country that belongs to or is cooperating with the OEEC. These countries are Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

An OEEC senior visiting fellow will receive a subsistence allowance of \$10 for each day of tenure. A travel allowance, covering the cost of round-trip air-tourist transportation to his fellowship institution, will also be provided. In addition, the fellow will be permitted to receive, during the period of his award, his regular salary or appropriate allowances provided by or approved by his nominating institution, or both.

Applications and detailed information may be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Academy of Science–National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington 25, D.C. Fellowship applications must be received by the NAS–NRC not later than *11 April*.

Travel in the Far East. An Alan Gregg travel fellowship in medical education is to be awarded annually by China Medical Board of New York, Inc., beginning this year. The fellowship will make it possible for a member of the faculty of a medical school in the United States to undertake study in the Far East that will increase his effectiveness as a medical educator. The fellowship will provide for study and travel expenses; a stipend, the amount to be decided by the Award Committee, will be included. An applicant must be a citizen of the United States and must be at least 30 and not more than 55 years of age when the proposed project is due to start. He must be willing to devote a minimum of 4 months of full-time work to the study project (maximum period, 12 months) and to spend a significant amount of time in one place. When trips are made for periods of 9 months or more, travel funds will be provided for dependent children. Applications for the 1960 fellowship should be submitted *before 15 April* to the Director, China Medical Board of New York, Inc., 30 60th St., New York 22, N.Y. Applications for the fellowship to begin during 1961 must be submitted prior to 31 December 1960.