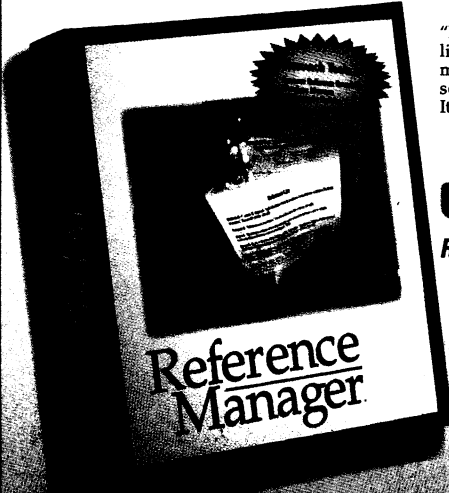


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medical schools. (Early data suggest that the Research Training Fellowships for Medical Schools program is indeed successful in reinforcing interest in research, at least to the point of seeking postdoctoral training.)

Another relevant initiative is the HHMI Biomedical Research Support for Medical Schools program, which awarded \$80 million to 30 medical schools in 1995. Those 4-year grants have provided start-up funding for more than 150 faculty, of whom 33 are M.D.'s or M.D./Ph.D.'s. In addition, 46 M.D.'s and M.D./Ph.D.'s have received funding for pilot projects. A second competition in the year ahead will award \$90 million.

Rosenberg presents compelling data on the relative decline of physician applications to NIH for research grant support, and notes that our physician postdoctoral program data support his concern for the future pool of physician-scientists. While the HHMI data cited show a 57% decline (from 174 to 74 applicants), the actual decline was 45%. The latter figure includes not only M.D. but also M.D./Ph.D. applicants. The actual decline was from 276 (a 5-year high) to 152. Although of definite concern in the context of future trends in the pool of physician-scientists, the numbers are confounded by the increase in K awards by NIH. We see application withdrawals and fellowship declines because of these awards, and will follow closely their future impact on the HHMI program.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The word "innervation" was misspelled as "enervation" in This Week in *Science* of 19 February (p. 1083, column 2, line 13 from the top) and "innervate" as "enervate" in Letters of 8 January (p. 175, column 1, line 8 from the bottom).

In his article "Galaxies seen at the universe's dawn" (News of the Week, 1 Jan., p. 19), Govert Schilling states that the photometric method of measuring the redshift of galaxies was pioneered "a few years ago." In fact, it was pioneered by W. A. Baum, then at the Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories, in 1957 [*Astronom. J.* **62**, 6 (1957)].

In the map accompanying the Policy Forum "Conservation targets in South American temperate forests" (13 Nov., p. 1271), Uruguay was misspelled.

The Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, is not "at Princeton University," as was stated in the biographical sketch of Nathan Myhrvold (Essays on Science and Society, 23 Oct., p. 621).