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\$23,500 FEDERAL GRANT AWARDED UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego, Calif., A Federal Grant of \$23,500 for graduate traineeships to support training in the education of the mentally retarded has been awarded to the University of San Diego, Department of Education, Division of Special Education. This grant, directed by the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped under the United States Office of Education, is for the professional preparation of teachers of the mentally retarded in both public and private school facilities. The grant is part of a program in the area of Special Education at the University of San Diego.

Monies awarded under the grant include funds for a Master's level traineeship which provides a tax-free stipend of \$1,600 for the year, plus \$400 for each dependent and waiver of tuition and fees.

According to Dr. DeForest L. Strunk, Director of Special Education at the University of San Diego, "These funds will assist the already excellent program at USD to train more teachers for the mentally handicapped. There is a tremendous shortage of trained personnel throughout the nation. Our department while providing the necessary training in the classroom as well as actual field experience is also answering this societal need."

Information concerning this program may be received from Dr. Robert E. Nelson, Chairman of Department of Education.

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