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Dr. Frederick T. C. Yu, associate professor of journalism at Montana State University, has been awarded a research grant by the Ford Foundation to study the communications elite in Asia, MSU officials said. He will spend six months in seven Asian countries to gather his data.

At the request of the foundation, the Institute of International Education will administer the grant and make its services available to Dr. Yu.

Dr. Yu will visit Japan, Korea, the Philippines, South Vietnam, Thailand, Burma, India, and possibly Indonesia. He expects to spend from two to four weeks in each of these countries, he said. His research plans call for interviews with about 150 leading newspaper publishers, editors, columnists, reporters, writers, and radio figures in these countries.

The research project, according to Dr. Yu, is designed mainly to study how Asians communicate with, and feel about, each other and "to examine some of the underpinnings of some current Asian thinking about Asian politics, problems, and relations." It is not just an opinion poll or survey to discover what the communications leaders think, but an attempt to understand why they think the way they do, he explained.

Prof. Yu plans to leave Missoula in June and expects to return to the campus before Christmas.

This is the second time Dr. Yu has been awarded a research grant by the Ford Foundation. In 1958 he won a Ford Postdoctoral International Relations Fellowship, which enabled him to carry out a 12-month program of research and advanced study at Harvard University and the M.I.T. Center for International Studies.

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Prof. Yu joined the MSU journalism staff in 1955. He has taught at the State University of Iowa, the University of Southern California, and Stetson University. He has also done editorial writing, reporting, and copyreading on the Springfield (Ohio) News-Sun, and he was a copy editor on the World Desk of the Washington Post and Times-Herald.

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