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Three National Aeronautics and Space Administration pre-doctoral traineeships have been renewed and four new traineeships granted to students for study at Montana State University.

The traineeships were awarded in four areas of space-related science offering Ph.D. degrees at MSU--geology, microbiology, psychology and botany.

Three geologists currently studying at MSU received renewed traineeships. They are John Nold of St. Joseph, Mo., David Peavear of Nassau, N.Y., and Minard Hall of Sonoma, Calif.

Four new traineeships were awarded to John Goers of Sadorus, Ill., for study in geology; Melvin Thornton of Billings, for study in botany; Michele Nelson of Northfield, Minn., for study in microbiology, and Donald Maguire of Las Vegas, Nev. for study in psychology.

The traineeships are worth \$2,400 per year, plus up to \$1,000 extra for dependents. In addition a \$3,200 allowance per year for each trainee is made to the University.

Selection of the trainees was made by the MSU graduate dean in consultation with an ad hoc faculty committee.

NASA traineeships at MSU were first offered in September 1964, according to Dr. Fred Honkala, graduate dean.

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