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The University of Montana has received a grant of \$80,190 from the National Science Foundation to conduct a Summer Institute for Secondary School Teachers of Mathematics next summer, President Robert Johns reports.

President Johns said Dr. William Myers, professor of mathematics will be the institute director, and Dr. William Ballard, associate professor of mathematics, will serve as associate director.

This is the seventh consecutive math institute to be supported by the NSF at the U of M. The current sequence, especially designed for high school teachers, was begun in the summer of 1960, according to Dr. Myers.

This summer's institute will enable 60 teachers to participate in a program of study toward the degree of Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics. Dr. Myers said this program normally requires four summers of study; approximately 30 of the participants will be returning for their third year of study and the remaining 30 will be beginning their first summer institute in the program.

The institute this summer is anticipated to be the largest single summer institute to be held at the U of M. Already, 26 M.A. degrees in teaching mathematics have been awarded under the program at the U, Dr. Myers said.

Prerequisites require the participant to be a teacher of math, with a minimum of 45 quarter credit hours of math. To attain the advanced degree, 54 more quarter credit hours must be completed in addition to comprehensive oral and written examinations.

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Dr. Myers said that at least one-third of the participants in the past have been Montana teachers.

The NSF has supported several other mathematics institutes at the U. A summer institute for college teachers was conducted there in 1959, and there was an In-Service-Institute for Secondary School Teachers of Mathematics in 1961-62.

Dr. Myers said there was an Academic Year Institute now going on in the mathematics department and that it already has been renewed for next year.