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## UM MATHEMATICIAN RECEIVES ONE-YEAR GRANT TO STUDY RING THEORY

Dr. Merle E. Manis, an assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Montana, has been awarded a one-year, \$3,800 grant from the National Science Foundation for support of research on "ring theory."

According to Dr. Manis, rings are a system of numbers that enter naturally into any complex mathematical problem. He explains that they resemble the integer system used in solving "everyday" problems in computation.

Dr. Manis' study of rings is a continuation of research that he conducted while studying for his master's degree at the University of Montana and Ph.D. at the University of Oregon.