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\$91,384 GRANT RENEWAL  
FOR UM MATH DEPARTMENT  
FOR H.S. TEACHERS

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The University of Montana mathematics department has received a renewed National Science Foundation (NSF) grant of \$91,384 to support the Academic Year Institute for secondary school mathematics teachers.

Dr. William M. Myers, professor of mathematics, at UM, is the director of the program and is responsible for the selection of 15 math teachers for participation from applications reaching into the hundreds.

Word of the grant was received recently by Dr. Norman E. Taylor, UM vice-president for research, in a telegram from Sens. Mike Mansfield and Lee Metcalf and Rep. Arnold Olsen.

"The math teachers, who must have at least three years teaching experience, come here for an extended year's study to bring their instructional material up-to-date and improve their teaching qualities," said Dr. Myers.

The grant stipends are valued to \$3,000 for each selected teacher, which is used over the three quarters of study for limited university fees and living expenses.

"It is an unofficial policy of the math department at UM to encourage Montana teachers to participate in this program," said Dr. Myers. "However, each year the number of out-of-state applications increases and outnumbers Montanans by about 10-1."

In late December the National Science Foundation will send out brochures to high schools across the nation to inform math teachers of the program and the participating colleges.

Interested teachers are urged to submit applications early in January to insure consideration. By February 15 selections for study under the grant will have been made by UM, with approval of the selectees.

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Because many applications are received and must be carefully reviewed for action, Dr. Myers is assisted by Dr. Gloria C. Hewitt, UM associate professor of mathematics.

She earned her doctorate at the University of Washington, Seattle. Dr. Hewitt's undergraduate degrees were earned from Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., and the U of W.

Dr. Myers received his master's degree and doctorate from Ohio State University, Columbus. He holds a bachelor's degree from Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

Dr. Myers, who has been a member of the UM faculty since 1952, is married to the former Vera Tozzer of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Myers and is a native of Dayton, Ohio.

Further information about the Academic Year Institute in mathematics may be obtained from the UM mathematics department through Dr. Myers. Phone inquiries may be made in care of him at his office, 243-2661.

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