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Montana State University has been awarded a National Science Foundation institutional grant of $1,410 to aid a research program that is already receiving NSF financial support, Dr. Frank C. Abbott, MSU academic vice president, announced.

The NSF recently started the experimental program of institutional grants to supplement its grants for specific research projects, Dr. Abbott said. The new type of grant is not given for a particular study but may be used at the discretion of the institution, within certain broad limits, he explained.

The purpose of the grants is to strengthen collegiate research in physical, biological and social sciences by supporting basic research and research training. Such grants may be used, for example, for employing research staff, purchasing supplies or paying for other costs of research, Dr. Abbott said.

The institutional grant is five per cent of the total amount of basic research payments the institution will receive from the NSF during the period of the grant, according to Dr. Abbott. The first grants are given for a nine-month period, but in succeeding fiscal years they will be given for 12 months, he said.

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