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National Aeronautics and Space Administration pre-doctoral traineeships in geology and psychology will be offered at Montana State University beginning September 1964, according to Dr. Frank C. Abbott, academic vice president and graduate dean.

Applications for NASA traineeships are due at the MSU Graduate School by March 15, Dr. Abbott said. Recipients will be selected by the graduate dean in consultation with the chairmen of departments that offer the Ph. D. degree.

NASA traineeships support up to three years of graduate study leading to the doctor's degree in a space-related science program, Dr. Abbott said. A trainee receives a basic annual stipend of $2,400, an annual allowance of $400 for each dependent up to $1,000, and payment of University fees. The University also receives an allowance for educational costs for each trainee.

Dr. Abbott recalled that MSU's doctoral program in geology was initiated in 1957 with the granting of National Defense Education Act fellowships to the Geology Department. These were the first NDEA fellowships granted in geology in the United States, he noted. The Ph. D. program in psychology was begun in 1963, he said.

The University is currently engaged in 38 "space-related" research projects supported by grants and contracts from federal agencies or private foundations, Dr. Abbott pointed out. These projects involve 28 faculty members and $435,742 in non-state funds.

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