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Ten high school mathematics teachers from throughout the country begin review study at the University of Montana this week in preparation for the National Science Foundation Academic Year Institute in Mathematics which will begin Sept. 27.

The participants were selected from several hundred applicants for the first academic year institute to be offered in Montana, according to Dr. Howard Reinhardt, associate professor of mathematics and institute director.

A $69,300 NSF grant will support the institute which is designed to give mathematics teachers with at least three years' teaching experience an improved background in the subject. Institute participants will enroll during autumn, winter and spring quarters in regular graduate level courses offered by the U of M mathematics department. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, participants will be eligible for master of arts degrees in mathematics, Dr. Reinhardt said.

About 1,600 math and science teachers are participating in NSF supported institutes at colleges and universities throughout the country this year. The U of M is one of 40 schools conducting math institutes, Dr. Reinhardt said.


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