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The Graduate School at the University of Montana has been awarded eight three-year National Defense Graduate Fellowships, according to word received by President Johns from the U.S. Commissioner of Education.

President Johns said the fellowships may be distributed among the federally approved doctoral programs in chemistry, geology, psychology and zoology. The present award, effective fall of 1966, carries with it a commitment for at least 14 more such fellowships the second year and at least 20 new fellowships the third year.

Dr. Fred S. Honkala, dean of the Graduate School, reported that applications for similar fellowship grants in doctoral programs with the University's botany, education, history, mathematics and microbiology departments are still pending.

Each fellowship grant provides the recipient with $2,000 the first year plus an additional $200 more each of the successive two years, Dean Honkala said. With each grant an allowance is made to the University of $2,500 for the students' fees. The 65 per cent which remains after the fees are paid will be invested in other University graduate programs.

Dean Honkala added that the award of these eight fellowships and their committed increases, in addition to the ones already in operation in the psychology and zoology departments, represents a total minimum grant of $368,000 to the University under the National Defense Education Act.

"These grants are invaluable support to the U of M Ph.D. programs," Dean Honkala declared, "but not only are the programs supported under the NDEA, but also by other Federal and some state programs. The earning of such a grant implies an outstanding academic department."

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