

25 Graduate Fellowships Awarded at UA

Funds to support 25 University of Alaska graduate fellowships in rural education have been awarded to the University by the U.S. Office of Education—"an important step in the direction of providing better education for Alaska's youth," according to University President Dr. William R. Wood.

The University was selected as one of 50 colleges and universities to receive money for such fellowships, from over 1,000 proposals received from 378 colleges and universities.

While the program—which may allow stipends as high as \$6,000—is for experienced teachers who qualify for graduate study in general, preference will be given Alaskan teachers, according to Dr. Charles K. Ray, dean of the College of Behavioral Sciences and Education.

Stipends are provided in the program in the amount of \$4,000, plus \$500 for eligible dependents, not to exceed four.

Applicants must take a course of instruction leading to a master's degree in rural education, according to Dr. Ray, and fellows will also complete an intensive rural school sequence which includes supervised teaching internships in Alaskan rural schools.

This program will not only help to improve the qualifications of experienced teachers, but also to serve the needs of Alaskan educational agencies for upgrading their teaching staffs, Dr. Ray said.

Applicants must be prepared to return to the school system in which they are employed at the time of their applications. Recommendations from the employing system are required,

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and leave arrangements will need to be explored by those chosen for fellowships.

Tuition fees are waived and awards are not subject to Federal income tax.

Dormitory housing will be available for single teachers and limited campus housing exists for married students.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 5, 1966 and should be addressed to Dr. Charles K. Ray, College of Behavioral Sciences and Education, University of Alaska, College, Alaska 99735