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- Grisha Stewart, first year student from Bryn Mawr College.

ARCS Fellowships: Each of these \$15,000 awards is funded over three years, at the level of \$5000 per year, by the Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Foundation. This year's recipient is:

- Matthew Kahle, first year student from Colorado State University.
- Davis Doherty and Jason Swanson are continuing in the second and third year, respectively, of their ARCS awards.

Microsoft Scholar Awards: These \$20,000 awards, in the form of yearly supplementary stipends of \$5000 for four years, are funded by a gift from Microsoft Corporation. This year's awardees are:

- Ilgar Eroglu, first year student from Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey,
- Pablo Shmerkin, first year student from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Ilgar and Pablo join Robert Hladky, Kris Kissel, David Maxwell and Hui Xu as Microsoft Scholars.

Graduate School Merit Awards: These recruitment awards, averaging \$5000, are made available by the Graduate School to help with the recruitment of outstanding applicants. The awardees are all first year students:

- Tristram Bogart, from Oberlin College,
- Christopher Hanusa, from Harvey Mudd College,
- Tracey Marsh, from the UC, Berkeley,
- Phillip Nguyen, from Tulane University,
- Jeremy Walthers, from Michigan State University,
- Shengyu Zhang, from the University of Science and Technology, China.

The number of students in our graduate program has grown in recent years to over 80. These students are central to every aspect of the department's work. They share the teaching of undergraduate courses, they are students in our graduate courses and, as they advance, they become participants in our research program. Our success in each of these activities depends on our ability to recruit, encourage and develop some of the best talent. Awards and fellowships provide invaluable encouragement. They are also essential to our efforts to make up for the deficiency of our TA salaries. During the graduate admissions process last spring, our 11-month TA salary was \$13,300, while many peer mathematics departments, such as those at Michigan, UCLA, UCSD and UC Berkeley, had 11-month salaries between \$17,000 and \$18,000. The department recently endorsed a plan by the Graduate Program Committee to offer to the majority of incoming PhD students awards that will boost their stipends to \$17,000 while they make satisfactory progress towards the PhD. The awards and fellowships listed above give this plan a great start; we are grateful to the institutions and individuals that support our department by making such resources available to graduate students.

KOVÁCS RECEIVES NSF AWARD

Assistant Professor Sándor Kovács has received a Faculty Early Career Development award from the National Science Foundation. This five-year award is the most prestigious award for new faculty members from the National Science Foundation. The award will support Professor Kovács's research in algebraic geometry.

According to the NSF, these awards go to teacher-scholars who are likely to become the leaders in their disciplines in the future.

TORO NAMED FELLOW AT RADCLIFFE

Associate Professor Tatiana Toro has been named a Fellow of the Radcliffe Institute at Harvard University. She will spend the 2001-2002 academic year in Cambridge, Massachusetts, as a visiting faculty member at Harvard.

UHLMANN WINS GUGGENHEIM

Professor Gunther Uhlmann of the Mathematics Department has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship, which will support his work on inverse boundary problems. Uhlmann received his PhD from M.I.T. in 1976 and came to the University of Washington in 1987. The Guggenheim Fellowships, which are among

the most prestigious academic awards, are awarded annually to distinguished scholars across the country. Their purpose is "to promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge, and the understanding of beauty, by aiding ... scholars, scientists, and artists of either sex in the prosecution of their labors." A total of three mathematicians in the country received Guggenheims this year. In addition to Uhlmann, one other UW professor received a Guggenheim Fellowship this year, Professor Patricia Ebrey of the History Department.

