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2003 Packard Fellowships for Science and Engineering Awarded to Sixteen Young Researchers

LOS ALTOS, California — The David and Lucile Packard Foundation has named 16 new promising scientific researchers as the 2003 recipients of Packard Foundation Fellowships for Science and Engineering. Each Fellow will receive an unrestricted research grant of \$625,000 over five years.

The Fellowship Program was established in 1988 and arose out of David Packard's commitment to strengthening university-based science and engineering programs. By supporting unusually creative researchers early in their careers, the Foundation hopes to develop scientific leaders, further the work of promising young scientists and engineers, and support efforts to attract talented graduate students into university research in the United States.

"The long-term commitment to the Fellowship Program has enabled scientists to pursue innovative lines of scientific inquiry and to inspire and train the next generation of young scientists and engineers," said Lynn Orr, Keleen and Carlton Beal Professor at Stanford University and chairman of the Fellowship Advisory Panel. "Their research will make a positive impact on local, national, and global levels." Orr is a member of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

Over the past fifteen years, the Fellowship Program has awarded 332 Fellowships, totaling over \$192 million, to faculty members at 51 top national universities. It is among the nation's largest nongovernmental programs designed to seek out and reward the pursuit of scientific discovery with "no strings attached" support. The Fellowship Program funds Fellows' research in a broad range of disciplines that includes physics, chemistry, mathematics, biology, astronomy, computer science, earth science, ocean science, and all branches of engineering.

The 2003 Fellows were nominated by their university presidents. The 99 nominations were reviewed by the Fellowship Advisory Panel, a group of nationally recognized scientists, which then recommended 16 Fellows for approval by the Packard Foundation Board of Trustees.

The recipients of the 2003 Packard Foundation Fellowships in Science and Engineering are:

Amy J. Barger
Department of Astronomy
University of Wisconsin, Madison

David A. Blank
Department of Chemistry
University of Minnesota

Hilary Bart-Smith
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
University of Virginia

Joseph L. DeRisi
Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics
University of California, San Francisco

Shanhui Fan
Department of Electrical Engineering
Stanford University

Babak Hassibi
Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences
California Institute of Technology

Wayne Hu
Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics
University of Chicago

Piotr Indyk
Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Douglas Natelson
Department of Physics and Astronomy
Rice University

Teri. W. Odom
Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology
Northwestern University

Eliot Quataert
Department of Astronomy
University of California, Berkeley

Joan-Emma Shea
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
University of California, Santa Barbara

Scott K. Silverman
Department of Chemistry
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

David L. Stern
Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Princeton University

Mary E. Williams
Department of Chemistry
Pennsylvania State University

Xiaowei Zhuang
Department of Chemistry
Harvard University

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