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ACS Offers Minigrants for High School Teachers

The American Chemical Society (ACS) is again sponsoring its Minigrant program, offering high school teachers up to \$1000 in materials development funds. Applications for the 1990-91 school year are now available and the application deadline is March 15, 1990.

ACS-STS Minigrants fund projects focusing on issues related to science, technology and society (STS). The goals of ACS-STS Minigrants are to help students understand science in its societal context, to assist teachers in developing and implementing innovative curricula and to form a cadre of experienced teachers and a selection of programs to serve as models for continued evolution of science programs.

Teachers may use the grant funds to produce original lessons and resources that might be used over two- to four-class periods, or they may design a curriculum module using existing materials to comprise a four- to nine-week unit. Hands-on activities and those emphasizing problem solving, decision making and critical thinking skills are particularly encouraged.

Eight high school teachers have already been awarded \$1000 each for development of STS lessons and materials in the 1989-90 school year. Dissemination of these materials will begin in the spring of 1990. The 1989 grant recipients and their projects are R. Jeanne Dyer (Tampa, FL), Chemistry in Multi-disciplinary Education; Mary C. Hobbs (Mechanicsville, VA), Nuclear Energy: Risk/Benefit; Lois Fruen (Minneapolis, MN), Minnesota Societal Issues for Chemistry Students; David Masterman (Jackson, WY), Water Quality; Maureen McMahon (Pasadena, MD), Chemistry Decision Making--Viewing All the Issues; Janet B. Robinson (Decorah, IA), Water Pollution: Agricultural Chemicals; Robert A. Shaner (Hookstown, PA), The Real Story About Energy; and Gretchen Usher (Edina, MN), Video Series for Societal Issues.

For further information about the ACS-STS Minigrants Program and an application packet, contact David Licata, Manager, Office of Precollege Science, American Chemical Society, 1155 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, phone (202) 872-4590.

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