Rice Biology Undergraduate Grants Combine Income, Lab Experience

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The Rice Biology Department has expanded its program of research grants for undergraduates. With the support of the National Science Foundation, this program has been in existence at Rice for five years.

The program will offer ten positions for the summer session of 1965, and five positions during the 1965-66 academic year.

During the summer period, each selected undergraduate will be awarded a $60 per week stipend, which will be tax-free, for a ten-week period of observation and research. Stipends will be given during the academic year on the basis of the financial needs of the individual students involved.

Not Limited To Juniors

Usually selected to receive the grants are juniors who have had a sufficient number of courses in the biological sciences. However, the grants are not necessarily limited to juniors, and students not majoring in biology are eligible to receive the grants.

According to Dr. Jack W. Hudson of the Biology Department, the purpose of the program is to try to give undergraduate students some accelerated training in research procedures and techniques. This work will hopefully cut down on the time needed for the student to work towards a Ph.D.

Summer Seminars

During the summer period the work will consist of weekly seminars in addition to research in the laboratory of the student's choice and field of interest. During the academic year, the work will be done in Biology 400 (a or b) Special Problems and Honors Work.