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Grants offer chance for overseas study

By PAMELA RIMOLDI Battalion Reporter Graduating students interested in continuing their education in a reign country may obtain grants for the 1980-1981 school year mugh the Fulbright Program.

The Fulbright grants are reserved mainly for graduate students working on doctoral dissertations or for students who wish to pursue areers in the creative and performing arts. The grants are applicable in Europe, South America, the Middle

East and other areas

The grants provide round-trip transportation, language orientation ourses, living expenses, tuition, books, and accident and health in-

Tance, depending on the type of grant. To be eligible to apply for a Fulbright grant, the student must be a J.S. citizen, have a bachelor's degree or the equivalent, be able to peak the language of the host country, and he or she cannot have a octoral degree.

Applications must be in to the Texas A&M University International Services Office by Oct. 15. Along with the application form for the grant, the student must submit a statement describing what he or she lans to do during the year of study.

Catfish vaccination gets finishing touches

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leterinary researchers at Texas lems from the solutions in young cat-A&M University are approaching a fish. Lewis and Raymond Sis, head of eliable method of vaccinating catish from diseases that threaten twonch fingerling stock on fish farms. By bathing young fish in special

liquid solutions or mixing the vac-cine with feed for older catfish, the stock can be immunized against several virulent bacterial strains, said eterinary microbiologist Donald

If approved for public use, catfish armers would buy the solutions and soak fingerlings in tanks prior to in-troducing the fish to the ponds where they mature. Once there, the vaccine can be added to feed, he ex-

Perfection of the technique will ap several years of work between Texas A&M and the U.S. Departnt of Agriculture. Commercial catfish farming in Texas is now generating more than \$10 million in come, according to the Texas Agiculture Department.

The last steps of research are ned at correcting toxicity prob-

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Tsetse fly research getting more money

By SHERIE KELLER

The U.S. Agency for International Development has granted an additional \$444,000 to tsetse fly research being done at Texas A&M University and Mali, Africa. The grant is in addition to the \$800,000 to \$1 million that USAID

spends each year on this research, said Dr. J. K. Olson, a medical entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment station. The main focus of USAID is to help developing countries develop, he said. In 1976 two entomologists and two

veterinarians from Texas A&M, with the help of USAID, started research to help the people of Mali solve tsetse fly problems in their cattle herds This program, headed by Olson and Dr. Raymond Loan, associate dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, is designed to combine research and on-the-job training.

The program is of major concern because the tsetse fly carries trypanosomiasia or sleeping sick-ness, which can affect both humans and animals, Olson said. Protozoa which break down blood

cells are released into the blood veterinary anatomy, have a \$88,277 USDA grant to remove final obstastream when the fly bites, causing the disease. If left untreated, the disease is fatal. 'There's no doubt this is the way

"Our program mostly concerned with livestock. Cattle are a large part of the Mali income. Once a French colony, Mali'is looked upon by Europe as a source of beef, much like

Texas is looked upon for beef in the United States," Olson said. The landscape is much like Texas also. Going from southern to north-

ern Mali is like going from southwestern Texas to El Paso, he said. "We are hoping, because of the similarities between regions, that what works here in Texas will work in Mali and vice versa," he said.

Until now the program has been strictly professionals from Texas A&M working with counterpart pro-fessionals in Mali, but next year stu-dents will start work in the program. Students from Mali will come to Texas A&M for special studies lasting one semester, while Texas A&M entomology graduate students will go to Mali for one year to conduct

research. The first graduate student will be going at the beginning of next year with the first exchange student from Mali arriving Dec. 30 for the spring

"To have graduate students in the program is just a matter of prefer-ence, and I prefer them. The student knows he has a limited amount of time to accomplish his research,

The Texas A&M side of the program serves as a training and technology base for the students. The actual work is being done in Mali. Helping those people help themselves, he said.

This is the reason for on-the-job training. We teach them control methods and they go out and apply them to their herds. This way they can control the tsetse fly population even after we leave," he said.

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rapid progress, and studies will continue so more advances can be made, Lewis said. The Department of the Interior is watching the project to learn if simi-

to immunize catfish," Lewis said. Protection lasts for at least eight

weeks and, as part of this year's project, he said he hopes to find out

teria strains was the key that allowed

how much longer it can last. Characterizing the groups of bac-

lar vaccination techniques work for game fish, such as bass and trout raised in government hatcheries, Lewis said. Texas A&M virologist Stewart

McConnell is studying another killer of large numbers of stocker-size catfish. His research is examining the immune response, latency and molecular biology.

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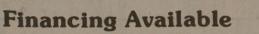
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