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UCSB Geologist Wins National Science Foundation Award

David L. Valentine, assistant professor of geological sciences, has been awarded a National Science Foundation CAREER award. He is the fifth UCSB faculty member to receive the award this year.

The estimated total amount of the award is \$620,300 for five years for his proposal entitled "CAREER: Microbial Geochemistry of Natural Marine Gas Seeps---A Research and Education Plan."

The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of the early career development activities of those teacher-scholars who are most likely to become the academic leaders of the 21st century.

NSF explains that CAREER awardees are selected on the basis of creative proposals that effectively integrate research and education within the context of the mission of their organization. The plans are expected to build a firm foundation for a lifetime of integrated contributions to research and education.

The other UCSB recipients of the NSF CAREER award for 2005 are: Jeffrey W. Bode, Patrick S. Daugherty, Ram Seshadri, and Timothy P. Sherwood.

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research and education in the sciences, mathematics, and engineering.

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