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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### HIGH SCHOOL FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS TO APPLY FOR ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS

MISSOULA --

The deadline for high school teachers of foreign languages to apply for \$4,500 summer study fellowships offered by the Rockefeller Foundation is Oct. 31.

The fellowships are part of a major three-year, \$1.5 million program that marks the first time Rockefeller Foundation Fellowships have been awarded to teachers at the high school level.

The fellowship program will name 100 Rockefeller Fellows in 1987, chosen for outstanding teaching and a commitment to foreign language education. Fellows will each receive the \$4,500 stipend for summer study to increase their knowledge of the country and culture they teach.

The fellowships coincide with a nationwide effort to recognize and improve teaching in foreign languages and literatures. "We hope these awards will help encourage bright and intellectually determined people to persist in language teaching," says Richard Lyman, president of the Rockefeller Foundation. "We also want to show how important we think individual teachers are in revitalizing America's public and private schools."

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The Montana Collaborative, a committee made up of a UM professor, a UM administrator, a community member and a high school foreign language teacher, will nominate finalists from this region to be considered by a national review panel that will meet at the University of Pennsylvania to select the 100 Fellows from the nomination pool.

Area high school teachers interested in applying for the Rockefeller Fellowships should contact Dennis McCormick, Chairman, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59812, or call 243-2401.

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