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NEW TECHNICIAN PROGRAM National Science Foundation has initiated new technician training program and plans to make awards totaling up to \$1 million by end of year for curriculum development projects. Other funds will support grants in research, training and demonstration pilot projects.

Agency says Technician Education Development Program is designed to meet projected national need for highly trained and educated technicians in science and industry between now and 1980.

One segment of program will seek development of new curricula, courses, instructional materials and method to permit technical education-training programs to keep pace with changing needs of society. Technical and professional organizations, institutions, or groups of technicians and scientists will be eligible to receive funds for curriculum development projects. Profit-making firms are eligible.

Other segment of program will involve direct aid to colleges for training. Key target for funding will be junior and community colleges.

NSF said number of pilot projects are already under way--at University of Illinois at Urbana, for development of core courses in electronics for two-year colleges, at the Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley, California, for chemical technicians curriculum project, and at Wentworth Institute, Boston, for curriculum in electronic technology.

Guidelines for proposed preparation of proposals may be obtained by writing Technician Education Development Program, Division of Undergraduate Education in Science, National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C. 20550.

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NIMH REALIGNS PROGRAMS: National Institute of Mental Health, with \$375 million budget and larger budget expected next year, is placing new stress on education, training and development of learning and media tools.

Director Dr. Bertram Brown is focusing agency efforts on twin problems of drugs and alcoholism and has realigned internal programs accordingly. While funds for construction of mental health facilities and training of some categories of professionals have been cut back, additional funding has been ploughed into programs to train para-professionals, develop new curriculums in drug and alcoholism education and demonstration projects in both areas.

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