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DALLAS --

The Ford Foundation has made a \$112,000 planning grant to The Association for Graduate Education and Research (TAGER) of North Texas, it was announced here Tuesday, December 21, by Cecil H. Green.

Mr. Green, chairman of TAGER's board of directors, was notified of the grant by Dr. Carl W. Borgmann, director of the Ford Foundation's science and engineering program.

"With this grant," said Chairman Green, "the network of private institutions that compose TAGER can start immediately to plan for expanded services in higher education for the region, and can help to further the individual development of participating institutions. Support from the Ford Foundation, added to funds already available locally, will assure the rapid development of the TAGER concept in higher education."

TAGER, an association of seven private educational and research institutions in North Texas, was chartered in August to launch a cooperative program in joint use of faculty and other resources to expand graduate programs in the region. With the aim of providing more and better-qualified engineers, scientists and other scholars, the new association will seek to strengthen and expand programs in doctoral and postdoctoral study and research.

TAGER was chartered by Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, and the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest. Other participating institutions are Austin College of Sherman, Bishop College of Dallas, Texas Wesleyan College of Fort Worth, and the University of Dallas.

Dr. Jesse E. Hobson, elected Executive Director of TAGER December 17, said, "The challenge and the need facing the North Texas educational and research community is a substantial one. Through TAGER, and with continuing support from member institutions, our area can be first to develop a prototype for new concepts in educational cooperation and in a very specific and important way establish a pattern for other regions in the country."

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The private institutions joined forces for the first phase of TAGER operations to move ahead as rapidly as possible. Other non-profit institutions, including those which are state supported, are not excluded from cooperation and association.

Broad outlines of the TAGER development program include the support of 824 graduate fellows over five years with the eventual production of 70 doctoral degrees annually. Full-time support would be supplied for 95 to 100 students seeking master's degrees; support of 144 postdoctoral research fellows over five years is outlined; as well as special training in research for 250 undergraduate students.

TAGER would also plan to help develop a major central computer facility, further the development of inter-institutional library services, and establish an annual series of graduate level seminars and conferences for scientists and engineers in industry.

Cost of the first six years of operation, beginning with a one-year planning phase, is a little more than \$14 million. The TAGER timetable calls for probably five doctoral programs getting underway in September, 1966, with at least three additional programs added in later expansions.

TAGER's executive offices will open in Stemmons Tower West in Dallas January 3.

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