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Jefferson Lab Nathan Isgur Senior Postdoctoral Fellowship

In 2001, at the request of the Jefferson Lab, the SURA Board of Trustees agreed to support a senior post doctoral fellowship at the laboratory in honor of Nathan Isgur, the late Chief Scientist of the Jefferson Lab. The Board approved. up to \$50,000 per year in SURA support, beginning in the fiscal year 2002, to match funds provided by the Laboratory.

In approving support for this Senior Fellowship SURA established the following conditions:

- Each award will be for a three year period; thus new awards will be made every third year. However the period of the award may vary under special circumstances at the discretion of the Laboratory. (SURA should be advised, in advance, of any such “special circumstances” and the reason therefor.) The maximum contribution from SURA will be \$50,000 per annum as long as the Laboratory continues to at least match the SURA contribution. The SURA contribution and the Lab matching should together cover both stipend and benefits costs.
- The fellowship should be used to attract new talent to the Laboratory who can enhance significantly its theory or experimental research capabilities in nuclear physics. Thus the fellowship should not be awarded to current staff or to planned and committed new hires.
- SURA should have an opportunity to review any announcements or advertisement planned by the Lab for the Isgur Fellowship program. Any announcement or advertisement of the program should include reference to SURA support.
- The award should be designated the SURA/Jefferson Lab Nathan Isgur Fellowship. The award will be administered by the Lab but SURA should be provided a report on fellowship awards made by the Lab and the basis for such awards.
- Any reports or papers produced by Nathan Isgur Fellows resulting from their work at the Jefferson Lab should cite SURA and well as Lab support.

The first award was made in 2003 to Evgeny Epelbaum, Ruhr Universitat Bochum, on the recommendation of a seven person selection committee appointed by the Lab Director. He arrived at the lab in the fall of 2003. He completed his fellowship in the spring of 2006 and took a joint appointment the University of Bonn and the Forschungs Zentrum Juellich.

Based on favorable experience with the first recipient of the Nathan Isgur Senior Postdoctoral Fellowship the laboratory is planning to continue the program with a new appointment in 2007.

The four finalists (two theory and two experiments) remaining in the lab search for a new Postdoctoral Fellow will be at the laboratory the week of April 9, 2007 to give talks and be interviewed before a final selection is made.