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DULUTH--The Atomic Energy Commission has granted \$9,746 in nuclear equipment to the UMD Physics Department, it was announced today by Provost R. W. Darland.

The AEC program assists colleges and universities in the area of nuclear energy technology. Its purpose is to increase the supply of engineers, scientists and technicians for the growing atomic energy industry.

Dr. Howard G. Hanson, professor and head of physics, said the department has ordered a neutron howitzer, a source of high speed neutrons (small, fundamental particles) and the associated nuclear detection equipment.

The equipment will be used by students of intermediate physics and in advanced laboratory experiments.

Some work in the areas of nuclear physics and radioactivity has been undertaken at UMD but the AEC grant will mean a "considerable amplification of our present program," Hanson said.