

DULUTH--Albert Tezla, associate professor of English, is the first UMD faculty member to receive a Fulbright award while teaching on the Duluth campus.

Announcement was made today by Provost R. W. Darland that Professor Tezla has received the research grant from the U. S. State Department for a year's study in Europe.

The University Board of Regents has granted him a Sabbatical furlough during the academic year 1959-60 to study under the grant.

The award will permit extensive research in Vienna, Austria, and other European points expanding his study of the development of romantic literature of Hungary from 1770 to 1835.

The Fulbright grant follows several grants-in-aid from the University of Minnesota graduate school to conduct preliminary studies based upon library resources in the United States.

During a winter quarter leave just finished, Professor Tezla visited the Library of Congress in Washington, the New York public library and other libraries.

The one-quarter leave plan and the grants-in-aid are other phases of the University's program to encourage advanced research among its faculty, Provost Darland pointed out.

Accompanied by his family, Professor Tezla will leave Sept. 4 for Vienna on the New Amsterdam. They will travel with a number of other Fulbright scholars. The Fulbright group will attend a two-week briefing session beginning Sept. 14 in Vienna before starting their European studies.

Professor Tezla's work, begun several years ago, involves cataloging and annotating literature of the romantic period. He is completing an extensive bibliography of literature in America and Europe.

A shipping clerk for several years after graduation from high school in South Bend, Ind., he started on an academic career through a scholarship to the University of Chicago.

He received from Chicago the B.A. degree in 1941, the M.A. in 1947 and the Ph.D. in 1952. Before coming to UMD in 1948, he taught two years at the South Bend center, Indiana University Extension service.

He served 44 months with the U.S. navy in World War II. He was discharged as a lieutenant. He was wounded aboard the USS Brooks by a machinegun burst from a Japanese kamikaze plane.

His family includes his wife, Olive, a registered nurse; Michael, 15, a student in the tenth grade at Ordean school, and Cathy, 11, a student in the sixth grade at the UMD laboratory school.

Professor Tezla's activities include membership on the Governor's advisory committee on refugee relief problems in Minnesota, honorary membership in Alpha Psi Omega, UMD honorary drama fraternity, and membership in the American Association of University Professors, the Modern Language association and Pi Delta Kappa, honorary fraternity of men in public education.

The Fulbright Act, passed by the 79th Congress, provides funds for research abroad. The UMD professor's award is one of some 400 grants for lecturing and research abroad under the 1959-60 allocation.

By provision of the act candidates are selected by the U. S. board of foreign scholarships, appointed by the President.

Scholars are first recommended for the board's consideration by the Conference Board of Associated Research Councils, a private organization under contract with the U. S. State Department.