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SCIENTIST AT THE SCRIPPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE WINS AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AWARD

LA JOLLA, CALIF. Dec. 5, 1991 -- Nigel Mackman, Ph.D., of The Scripps Research Institute, was recently named first prize winner of the Louis N. Katz Basic Science Research Prizes for Young Investigators by the American Heart Association.

Designed to encourage young scientists to continue research careers in basic science, one first-place and four second-place prizes are awarded nationally for meritorious manuscripts based on independent investigations of cardiovascular phenomena.

Mackman received the $1,500 cash award after presenting his research results at the American Heart Association's 64th Scientific Sessions in November.

His research focuses on how the expression of tissue factor (TF), a potent blood clotting molecule, is controlled in circulating blood cells called monocytes. According to Mackman, further understanding of TF should allow the development of effective strategies for the prevention and treatment of thrombotic and vascular diseases.

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A University City resident, Mackman has been a member of the Department of Immunology at The Scripps Research Institute since 1987. He earned a doctorate in genetics from the University of Leicester, England in 1984.