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DAYTON, Ohio, June 9, 1969 --- Dr. Merle D. Schmid, professor of industrial engineering at the University of Dayton, has been selected as a Second Year Fellow in one of two Summer Fellowship programs sponsored jointly by the universities of Alabama and Auburn, and the NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Dr. Schmid, whose research programs have taken him to India, Japan, Germany, England, Sweden and parts of the United States, left today for the fellowship project which will run until August 15.

Thirty seven professors from 31 universities in 23 states will take part in the Aeronautics and Space Research Program, in which Dr. Schmid is participating, while 20 educators from 17 universities in 15 states are a part of the Engineering Systems Design Program.

In the research phase of the program, Dr. Schmid and his fellow participants will conduct individual research in the Marshall laboratories. The projects are to be advantageous to both the individual and the lab.