

Report of the Committee on Grants-in-Aid of Research for the Year Ending June 30, 1998

The Committee on Grants-in-Aid of Research met three times during fiscal year 1998 to review 1,496 applications of which 581 or 39 percent received full or partial funding. A total of \$393,304 was awarded with an average grant size of \$677. The accompanying tables show the distribution of applications, awards, and monies among the various areas under which individuals submit proposals. The names of the recipients, their institutions, proposal titles and award amounts are presented in a separate booklet to be distributed at the Annual Meeting.

Data from the GIAR applications reflect the Society's role in supporting research conducted by different groups of students. In FY 1998, for example, awards were distributed as follows:

Group	Number of Applications	Number of Awards
Male	726 (49%)	267 (46%)
Female	770 (51%)	314 (54%)
Graduate Students	1349 (90%)	518 (89%)
Undergraduate Students	147 (10%)	63 (11%)

The monies available for Grants-in-Aid of Research come from unrestricted and restricted categories. Examples of the former are the \$2 dues allocation from regular members and interest income from the Society's research endowment. The Committee is especially grateful for the donations being made through the Society's annual giving campaign. Examples of restricted categories are the interest from endowed funds established by individuals or groups for the purpose of supporting research on particular topics and monies from the National Academy of Sciences which are administered by Sigma Xi.

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