

Report of the Committee on Grants-in-Aid of Research for the Year Ending June 30, 1999

The Committee on Grants-in-Aid of Research met two times during fiscal year 1999 to review 1,082 applications of which 396 or 37 percent received full or partial funding. A total of \$292,472 was awarded with an average grant size of \$740. 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 are posted on the Sigma Xi web site.

Data from the GIAR applications reflect the Society's role in supporting research conducted by different groups of students. In FY 1999, for example, awards were distributed as follows:

<i>Group</i>	<i>Number of Applications</i>	<i>Number of Awards</i>
Male	515 (48%)	191 (48%)
Female	567 (52%)	204 (52%)
Graduate Students	941 (87%)	341 (86%)
Undergraduate Students	141 (13%)	54 (14%)

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.

I express sincere appreciation to each of the committee members for their dedicated service. Appreciation is also extended to the several individuals who served as guest readers and to Deborah M. Donati, Programs Coordinator of Sigma Xi.

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