The Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research Program is now in its eighty-eight year. The Committee on Grants-in-Aid of Research held two meetings during fiscal year 2010. During the meetings, the Committee reviewed a total of 1,785 applications, of which 422 (24%) received full or partial funding. A total of $338,395 was awarded. The accompanying table shows the distribution of applications, awards, and funds among the science and engineering disciplines. The names of the recipients, their institutions, and project titles are listed on the Sigma Xi web site.

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The Committee wishes to remark on the continued importance of the dues contribution by the membership. This member contribution is vital to ensure that the various disciplines may continue to receive equitable funding from the program. Funds from the National Academy and from private donors are frequently restricted by discipline, institution or geographic location.

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