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## AAAS Grants and Prizes

IN 1951 the AAAS awarded 46 grants-in-aid for research, using the income from its modest endowment funds, as well as special contributions received for this purpose. The amounts given each recipient were relatively small but, with the exception of two grants made by the Ohio Academy of Science to the Committee on Ohio Flora, they were given in support of individual projects. All but one of them were administered by affiliated academies of science, to each of which the AAAS remits \$50 or a sum computed at fifty cents per academy member who is also a member of the Association, whichever amount is greater. Most of the academies have taken advantage of this arrangement, and a few of them match the amount made available from Association funds.

For several years endowment funds have yielded somewhat higher earnings, and the Association is now in a position to offer annually a new grant of \$500. This year the money will be drawn from the income of the A. G. Stillhamer Endowment Fund and will be awarded for a research project in the field of biology. A special research award for 1952, not to exceed \$500, will also be made, and it is hoped that the names of the recipients can be announced at the St. Louis meeting in December. Additional details regarding these two research grants appear elsewhere in this issue, together with an announcement of the \$1000 Prize in the Social Sciences.

The lengthening list of prizes and grants administered by the Association has prompted a review of the relative merits of prizes, which are awarded for work already done and adjudged good, and of grants-in-aid, which are given on the basis of promise that significant work will be competently performed. At the present time the policy pursued by the Association is fortuitous, and in large part it reflects the wishes of the donors who have asked the Association to administer gifts or bequests. The current thinking of the

Executive Committee favors the grant-in-aid, if only because the applicant, if adequately supported, may produce not merely something new, but something of the utmost significance in one of the fields of science. It should be noted that many of the recipients of prizes have turned the prize money back into research; few of them have regarded it simply as a windfall for which no further professional obligation was incurred. In retrospect there seems to be equal justification for the award of funds either to encourage research or to recognize it after it is done.

This year the awards that have been made, or that will be made as a feature of the 119th Meeting of the AAAS at St. Louis, are sufficient in number to warrant listing, in order that readers of *SCIENCE* may know about this phase of the Association's activity and interest. Complete lists of past recipients will appear in the General Program and Directory.

<i>AAAS Academy Research Grants</i> .....	\$7000
(administered by 38 affiliated state academies of science)	
<i>Special Academy Grants for Alabama and British Columbia</i> .....	400
(for genetics and eugenics)	
<i>Stillhamer Research Grant in Biology</i> .....	500
<i>AAAS Research Grant</i> .....	not to exceed 500
<i>Newcomb Cleveland Prize</i> .....	1000
(for a paper of recognized significance presented before a scientific session at the annual meeting)	
<i>Theobald Smith Award</i> .....	1000
(provided by Eli Lilly and Company for a distinguished contribution to medical science by a person under 35 years of age)	
<i>AAAS-George Westinghouse Newspaper Science Writing Award</i> .....	1000
<i>AAAS-George Westinghouse Magazine Science Writing Award</i> .....	1000
<i>AAAS Thousand Dollar Prize in Sociology</i> .....	\$1000
(for sociological theory employing successfully methods used in the natural sciences)	

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