

Small Grants in Aid of Research. The committee on aid of research, Dean Guy Stanton Ford, chairman, made its awards for 1926 on March 31 under the annual subvention of \$5,000 from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial. Twenty-one grants, in no case exceeding \$300, were distributed to scholars in various parts of the country to assist projects on which they are engaged. The recipients are at present reporting upon the progress so far made, and usually the grant has resulted in a substantial gain of time needed for the completion of the projects. In some cases the results are already in press. In one instance the grant from the Council brought about its duplication from another source.

Special Projects of Research. During the year two important research projects have received the strong endorsement of committees of specialists named by the Council, one of them the project of an individual scholar, the other a coöperative project of a group, and there is ground to hope that in the near future funds can be secured for financing both undertakings. The committee on a catalogue of foreign manuscripts in American libraries, and the committee on a list of serial publications of foreign governments, are also actively seeking the financial support which will enable them to put their projects into operation.

Administrative Plans and Finances. The General Education Board has consented to meet, during a period of five years, necessary administrative expenses up to a maximum of \$25,000 a year. This appropriation was made on the basis of a budget submitted to the Board by the Council. This grant will enable the Council to secure a full-time executive officer, to establish permanent headquarters, to increase the facilities of the committees of scholars who coöperate on problems and projects of research, and in various other ways to advance the work which falls within the scope of the Council. The new status goes into effect during the coming spring and will greatly increase the Council's capacity to serve the interests represented by the constituent societies.

The representatives of the American Political Science Association in the Council are Professors J. P. Chamberlain, Columbia University, chairman, and Frederic A. Ogg, of the University of Wisconsin.

Annual Report of the Social Science Research Council.¹ On the whole, the most significant points in the Council's activities in the year 1926 have been: (1) the financing of the administrative budget, and the consequent strengthening of the work of the committee on problems and

¹Only a summary is presented here. The Council expects to print a detailed report in the near future.

policy and the central office; (2) the establishment of the summer conference at Dartmouth; (3) the development of the program and advisory committees of the problems and policy committee, and the partial financing of the necessary budget for the next two years; (4) the completion, under the migration committee, of the significant project of the relation of the mechanization of industry to migration, and the notable advance toward completion of the study of the basic data of migratory movements by Professor Willcox; (5) the completion of the preliminary examination of the available data on the workings of the Eighteenth Amendment; and (6) the further development of a policy regarding fellowships and grants-in-aid.

Significant reports have been presented by the committee on fellowships, the committee on scientific method in the social sciences, the committee on abstracts of social science periodical literature, the committee on the publication of an index and digest of state session laws, the committee on scientific aspects of human migration, and particularly the committee on problems and policy.

The last-named committee has organized a series of advisory committees and has worked out a program and budget of significance. These advisory committees are: (1) committee on corporate relations, Mr. George O. May, New York City, chairman; (2) committee on crime, Professor John L. Gillin, University of Wisconsin, chairman; (3) committee on cultural areas, Professor William L. Westermann, Columbia University, chairman; (4) committee on grants-in-aid, Professor Dana C. Munro, Princeton University, chairman; (5) committee on industrial relations, Mr. Henry S. Dennison, Framingham, Mass., chairman; (6) committee on inter-racial relations, Mr. William W. Alexander, Commission on Inter-Racial Coöperation, chairman; (7) committee on international relations; (8) committee on pioneer belts, Professor Frederick Merk, Harvard University, chairman; and (9) committee on social and economic research in agriculture, Professor Henry C. Taylor, Northwestern University, chairman.

The following budget covering the needs of these committees was adopted at the September meeting of the Council:

	1st year	2nd year	Total
Scientific Method	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 25,000
Eighteenth Amendment	240,000	235,000	475,000
Labor Output	7,200	9,700	16,900
Labor Market	2,400	2,400	4,800
Industrial Relations	7,500		7,500

Pioneer Belts	2,500		2,500
Researches in Agriculture	12,500		12,500
Personality Traits	1,000		1,000
Crime and Criminal Justice	15,000		15,000
	\$300,600	\$259,600	\$560,200
Marginal Area	100,000		100,000
	\$400,600	\$259,600	\$660,200
Juvenile Delinquency	45,000	40,000	85,000
Total	\$445,600	\$299,600	\$745,200

A grant of \$127,500 toward this budget has been received, \$42,500 conditioned, however, on the raising of \$42,500. With these resources, assuming that the conditions can be met, it will be possible for the several advisory committees to develop their work in significant directions during the coming two years.

In this connection it may be well to restate the general purposes of the Council, determined in 1925 and still applicable: (1) ordinarily it will be the policy of the Council not to undertake investigation directly except in the case of preliminary studies; (2) ordinarily the Council will deal only with such problems as involve two or more disciplines; and (3) generally it will be the policy of the Council to serve only as a clearing house in regard to matters of research in the social science field.

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