GRANTS IN AID OF RESEARCH

The American Council of Learned Societies, among which the Modern Language Association of America is included, offers a limited number of grants to individual scholars to assist them in carrying on definite projects of research.

The grants are of two categories:

- A. Small grants. These are designed to assist research by scholars who are trained in scientific methods of investigation. The maximum of the small grants is three hundred dollars. Small additional allowances may, however, be made at the discretion of the Committee to meet unusual expenses involved in the research; the nature of such expenses must be indicated in the application.
- B. Larger grants. These are designed primarily to assist in the advancement of knowledge and are reserved for mature scholars of substantial achievement in constructive research, who should be able to devote ar least six months of uninterrupted work to their investigations. The larger grants range in amount from five hundred to two thousand dollars.

Applicants for both categories of grant must be citizens of the United States or Canada or permanently employed or domiciled therein; they must be actually engaged in the research for which they request assistance, and must personally be in need of the aid for which they apply.

Applicants must possess a doctor's degree or its equivalent in training, study and experience. No grants will be made to assist in the fulfilment of requirements for any academic degree.

The grants are available for specific purposes, such as travel, technical and secretarial assistance, and purchase of material. Application should not, however, be made for the purchase of materials that can be secured through some other agency, such as the Rotograph Fund of the Modern Language Association, the Library of Congress or other libraries. It is not expected that grants shall be used for the purchase of books which the applicant's university or college library might reasonably be expected to acquire.

It is expected that material purchased by means of the grants shall, when practicable, be placed at the disposal of other scholars, when grantees shall have concluded its use.

It is not intended that the grants shall take the place of aid that should be secured from other sources, as from university research funds, but they may supplement such aid.

Grants are not ordinarily intended as salary nor to meet normal living expenses, but for the expenses involved in research.

The Committee on Fellowships and Grants may, at its discretion, make grants that shall be contingent upon the granting of aid by the applicant's university or college.

The renewal of grants is within the discretion of the Committee on Fellowships and Grants.

Each recipient of a grant should agree to furnish the Council with a brief report showing the mode of expenditure of the grant, and the scientific results obtained through its aid, and should also agree to deposit with the Council, when practicable, a copy of the publication in which the results are set forth.

Applications must be made in duplicate upon special forms provided for that purpose, and must be mailed to the Secretary for Fellowships and Grants, American Council of Learned Societies, 907 Fifteenth Street, Washingston, D. C., not later than December 15. Awards will be made in March.

When requesting application blanks, the prospective applicant is asked to indicate for which category of grant application is to be made.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES

The American Council of Learned Societies also offers a limited number of post-doctoral Research Fellowships in the Humanities. The purpose of these Fellowships is to provide opportunities for further training and experience in humanistic research to younger scholars of unusual ability selected from among those who have demonstrated unmistakable aptitude for constructive scholarship.

Research Fellows in the Humanities are selected by the Committee on Fellowships and Grants of the American Council of Learned Societies from among the eligible scholars, either men or women, who may apply for appointment. Awards are made in March.

Applications must be presented on or before December 15 of each year. They should be made in duplicate on forms which will be provided upon request; and should include references, by permission, to three scholars, well acquainted with the applicants.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States or Canada or permanently domiciled or employed therein. They must have attained the doctorate or, in the judgment of the Committee, its equivalent in training and experience. They must not be more than thirty-six years of age, and they must be possessed of good health and habits and be in sound physical condition. A physical examination may be required at the discretion of the Committee.

Each applicant is required to present a definite plan of work. The proposed work may be carried on within or without the United States, and the applicant must state in what place or places and at what institution or institutions (university, school, institute, library, museum, archives, etc.) he proposes to carry on his work, or with what scholars or projects of research he hopes, permission being already assured, to be associated.

Appointments are for one year, but may, at the discretion of the Committee, in exceptional cases, be renewed for all or part of the second year.

The basic annual stipend of the Research Fellowships in the Humanities is eighteen hundred dollars, but adjustments within a range of six hundred dollars may be made by the Committee if desirable because of special circumstances. Additional allowances may also be made by the Committee for certain expenses, as for travel, fees, etc., incidental to the work of the Fellowships.

Fellows are expected to devote their entire time to the plan of work presented in their applications, and may not engage in remunerative occupation. With the permission of the Committee, however, honoraria may be accepted for special services which do not interfere with the plan of work.

Address all inquiries to the Secretary for Fellowships and Grants.

American Council of Learned Societies, 907 Fifteenth Street,

Washington, D. C.

See the announcement of Grants in Aid of Research on the preceding page. Applications must be in by December 15.