$1,835,000 Allocated for AHA Grants; Year’s Awards to Total $10,000,000

Approximately $1,835,000 has been awarded by the Association in Grants-in-Aid to 233 investigators under its national research program for 1961-62. Previously announced allocations for 179 fellowships total more than $2,000,000. With these awards and those to be made by state and local Heart Associations, the total allocated to research by the Association and its affiliates for the 1961-62 fiscal period will approximate $10,000,000.

The newly announced national grants are for 79 new and 154 continuing studies. Applications for 27 other new grants totaling about $220,000 were approved by the AHA Research Committee but could not be supported for lack of funds in the national research budget. They have been referred to state and local Heart Associations for possible supplementary support, such as many have provided in the past.


Research Applications Ready For AHA Support in 1962

The Association is now accepting applications from research investigators for support of studies to be conducted during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1962.

September 15, 1961 is the deadline for submitting applications for Research Fellowships and Established Investigatorships.

This also is the final date on which the Association will accept applications for Research Fellowships. In future, state and local Heart Associations will assume responsibility for supporting individuals in this category. Those applying in September may request either one or two-year appointments.

Applications for Grants-in-Aid must be received by November 1, 1961.

Awards will be made as follows:

Established Investigatorships: Usually awarded for five years, subject to annual review, in amounts ranging from $7500-$9900-yearly plus dependency allowances, to scientists of proven ability who have developed in their research careers to the point where they are independent investigators. Additionally, a grant of $1000 is made to the investigator’s institution for the support of his research program. Applicants for Established Investigatorships may also apply for grants-in-aid to support their research.

Advanced Research Fellowships: Awarded for one or two-year periods to post-doctoral applicants with some research training and experience but who are not clearly qualified to conduct their own independent research. Stipends range from $5500-$6000 annually, plus dependency allowance. During the second year of tenure, they are permitted to spend up to 25 per cent of the time in professional and scientific activities not strictly of a research nature, provided that these will contribute to their professional development and do not involve services for a fee. An additional grant of $500 is made to the investigator’s department.

Research Fellowships: Awarded on a limited basis to provide training under experienced
guidance for young scientists with doctoral degrees. Annual stipends range from $4500 to $7000.

Grants-in-Aid: Made to experienced investigators to help underwrite the costs of specified projects, such as equipment, technical assistance and supplies.

A limited number of investigators of unusual capacity and widely recognized accomplishment are appointed by the Association as Career Investigators to assure them of financial support throughout their productive lives. These are selected by the Association’s Research Committee and not by application.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Assistant Medical Director for Research, American Heart Association, 44 East 23rd Street, New York 10, New York.

Registration Forms Are Ready For AHA Scientific Sessions

Early registration is urged for the 34th annual Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association to be held at the Americana Hotel in Bal Harbour, Miami Beach, Florida, October 20-22. Registration forms, which include applications for hotel reservations, are now available from the Association’s national office, 44 East 23rd Street, New York 10, New York.

As in the past, this year’s program includes six sessions on clinical cardiology. At each of these a panel or symposium and related investigative work will be presented.

In addition, a total of 18 special simultaneous sessions will be held throughout the three-day program.

Following is a tentative outline of the Scientific Sessions program:

Friday, October 20: The clinical cardiology sessions include an opening address by Oglesby Paul, M.D., AHA President; the Conner Memorial Lecture, by Dr. Clark H. Millikan, Professor of Neurology, Mayo Clinic; symposia on “Contribution of Phonocardiography to Auscultation,” and on “Coronary Angiography”; a lecture on “Biplane Angiography” by Dr. Herbert L. Abrams, Assistant Professor of Radiology, Stanford Medical Center. Concurrent sessions are scheduled on arteriosclerosis, on biophysical methods in the study of circulation, and on high blood pressure research. Also scheduled is a program for nurses on cardiovascular research as it relates to nursing care of the cardiac patient.

Saturday, October 21: The clinical sessions will include a panel of “Ventricular Arrhythmias”; a lecture on “Closed-Chest Cardiac Resuscitation” by James R. Jude, M.D., Johns Hopkins Hospital; the Brown Memorial Lecture on “Pharmacology of the Peripheral Circulation,” by Robert W. Wilkins, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine; and a symposium on “Renal Failure.” Simultaneous scientific sessions will be held on basic science, cardiovascular surgery, and on “Compensable Heart Disease, Strain and Trauma.”

Cardiovascular Conferences

Scheduled for Saturday evening are “Cardiac Conferences” which will give physicians an opportunity to participate in small group discussions on timely cardiovascular problems. Admission will be by tickets available without charge at registration desks on a first-come first-served basis.

An open conference on clinical pathology, for which no tickets are required, will be held simultaneously on Saturday evening. It will be moderated by Jesse E. Edwards, M.D., Professor of Pathology, Mayo Foundation, Graduate School, University of Minnesota and Director of Laboratories, Charles T. Miller Hospital, St. Paul. Samuel A. Levine, M.D., Clinical Professor of Medicine Emeritus, Harvard Medical School, and Tinsley R. Harrison, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Alabama Medical Center, will discuss the case history, copies of which will be available in advance at the registration desk.

Sunday, October 22: Subjects for the clinical sessions include a symposium on “The Role of Hormones in Heart Failure”; panels on “Ventricular Hypertrophy and Bundle Branch Block” and “Newer Electrocardiographic Lead Systems”; and a lecture on
"ECG Clues Suggesting Myocardial Infarction" by Junior A. Abildskov, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, State University of New York College of Medicine. Concurrent sessions will be held on rheumatic fever and congenital heart disease and on cardiovascular surgery. Cardiovascular films, with introductions and commentary by the author or other authority on the subject, will be shown throughout Sunday.

New Career Investigator Named To Receive Lifetime Support

The Association has named Earl H. Wood, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Physiology at the Mayo Foundation, as a Career Investigator effective July 1, 1961. His appointment is the 10th in this category originated by the Association 10 years ago to provide support throughout their professional lives to scientists of outstanding ability and achievement.

Dr. Wood, who is also Consultant in Physiology to the Mayo Clinic, is well known for his many contributions to dye dilution techniques. He and his associates are identified especially with the introduction of new dyes for use in conjunction with the oximeter.

His laboratory of human physiology at Mayo Clinic is considered one of the most completely instrumented and technically advanced of its kind in the world. It has also been the site of studies with the human centrifuge to simulate acceleration and high gravity conditions, continuing an interest dating back to World War II. During the war Dr. Wood and his associates carried out studies on the physiology of fighter pilot "blackout" and helped develop an antigravity suit to combat it.

Born in Minnesota, Dr. Wood holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from MacAlester College in St. Paul. He received his Master of Science, Medical and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota. He has been at the Mayo Foundation since 1942 and has held academic or research posts at Harvard Medical School and the University of Pennsylvania. In 1946 he was a scientific consultant to the U. S. Air Force at the Aeromedical Center in Heidelberg, Germany.

Life Insurance Fund Offers Research Fellowships and Grants

The Life Insurance Medical Research Fund is now receiving applications for two types of awards to be available July 1, 1962, as follows:

1) Until October 1, 1961, for postdoctoral research fellowships. Candidates may apply for support in any field of the medical sciences. Preference is given to those who wish to work on fundamental problems, especially those related to cardiovascular function or disease. Minimum stipend $4500, with allowances for dependents and necessary travel.

2) Until November 1, 1961, for grants to institutions in aid of research on cardiovascular problems. Support is available for physiological, biochemical, and other basic work broadly related to cardiovascular problems as well as for clinical research in this field. Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Scientific Director, Life Insurance Medical Research Fund, 1030 East Lancaster Avenue, Rosemont, Pennsylvania.

Meetings Calendar

September 26-29: American Roentgen Ray Society, Miami Beach. C. A. Good, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.


October 26-27: The Organization of Bio-Medical Instrumentation and Engineering in Universities and Hospitals, Omaha. Office of Medical Extension, University of Nebraska, Omaha 5, Nebraska.


November 13-18: Canadian Heart Association and National Heart Foundation of Canada, Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions, Vancouver. J. B. Armstrong, National Heart Foundation of Canada, 501 Yonge St., Toronto 5, Canada.

November 16-18: International Symposium "Etiology of Myocardial Infarction," Detroit. Thomas N. James, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit 2, Michigan.


Abroad


August 28-September 2: European Society of Haematology, Vienna. H. Fleischhacker, Wien 1X Frankgasse 8, Billrothhaus, Austria.

September 3-7: International Congress on Rheumatology, Rome. Prof. C. B. Ballabio, Clinica Medica Generale, Via F. Sforza 35, Milano, Italy.

September 3-10: Inter-American Congress of Radiology, Sao Paulo. W. Bonfim-Pontes, Rua Cesario Motta, No. 112, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

September 4-9: International Congress of Angiology, Prague. Prof. Z. Reinis, IVth Medical Clinic, Praha 2/489, Czechoslovakia.

September 6-12: International Congress of Human Genetics, Rome. Luigi Gedda, 5 Piazza Galeno, Rome, Italy.


September 11-14: National Congress of Cardiology, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Jose M. Torre, Av. V. Carranza No. 2405, San Luis Potosi, S.L.P. Mexico.

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October 7-13: Fourth World Congress of Cardiology, Mexico City. I. Costero, Secretary General, Ave. Cuauhtemoc 300, Mexico, D.F.
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