

Travel Grants Committee (*ad hoc*) (Julia Rodriguez)

Report of the AAHM Travel Grant Committee, January 2009

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The 2008-09 Travel Grant Committee is pleased to announce the results of this year's travel disbursements.

We had 16 applicants, all of whom were graduate students. Seven of the students are coming from abroad, and nine are coming from US or Canada. Two of the nine are planning on driving and therefore have lower costs.

We have decided to bypass complicated formulas and divide the group into these three categories, with funds allocated accordingly among students coming from abroad, students traveling from US and Canada, and those who are driving. (We recognized that in the past two years, a formula has been used to make the award cover a specific percentage of the projected airfare. This resulted, however, in very small grants for some people. There is the further problem that we don't really know how much each person is paying for airfare, i.e., what they project may not be the final cost. For this reason we decided to issue grants amounts based solely on rough distance traveled.)

We thus recommend that the disbursement (total \$5000) for this year's group be as follows:

- * people from abroad receive \$400 each ($\$400 \times 7 = 2800$)
- * people US/Canada receive \$250 each ($\$250 \times 7 = 1750$)
- * people driving receive \$200 each ($\$200 \times 2 = 400$)

This brings us to a total of \$4950. We suggest that the remaining \$50 be added to the funds for the student traveling the longest distance (in this case, from Israel).

Attached with this memo is a list of names with the recommended grant amounts.

Submitted by,
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