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It was recommended that an appropriation of \$370,000 be made to the American Council of Learned Societies for the three-year period from July 1, 1929, to June 30, 1932, for advanced fellowships and for grants in aid of research.

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1. By years the appropriations would be effective as follows:

	<u>1929-30</u>	<u>1930-31</u>	<u>1931-32</u>
Fellowships	- - - -	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000
Grants in Aid (small and larger grants), support of projects and administration	\$ 75,000	100,000	100,000
Small Grants in Aid (third year - to replace in 1931-1932 the present grant of \$5,000 from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial which expires in 1930-1931)	<u>- - - -</u>	<u>- - - -</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>\$ 75,000</u>	<u>\$140,000</u>	<u>\$155,000</u>

2. History

The American Council of Learned Societies was organized in 1919, on the general model of the National Research Council, in response to a need which arose at the time the International Union of Academies was effected, for an authoritative and efficient representation of American scholars in the field of the Humanities in all matters pertaining to the common interests of European and American scholarship. Its activities have gradually broadened to include (a) the maintenance and strengthening of the relations between its constituent societies and the promotion of their interests; (b) the representation of American scholarship in the International Union of Academies, and the organization of American participation in the enterprises of the Union, as well as the maintenance of relations and channels of communication between organizations of scholars in the United States and those of other countries; (c) the advancement of the humanistic studies, especially in ways which require the cooperation of societies and scholars in more than one field.

Its constituent societies numbered in 1928 fifteen with a membership of 19,000; five of these (in the fields of history, economics, political science and sociology) belong also to the Social Science Research Council, organized

in 1924. As a means of coordinating the work of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council where their fields overlap - chiefly in the subject of history - a joint committee of the two Councils has been set up; and a liaison has also been established in some of the standing administrative committees.

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3. Scope

The university departments or subjects covered by the Council, omitting the social science subjects above named, are:

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| 1) Philosophy | 6) Fine Arts, History and Criticism (Painting, Sculpture, Architecture, etc.) |
| 2) Comparative Religion | |
| 3) Comparative Philology and Linguistics (Indo-European, Semitic, Far East Languages, American Indian) | 7) Archaeology - all fields |
| 4) Palaeography - all fields | |
| 5) A) Languages and Literatures: Greek, Latin, Sanskrit, English, Romance (French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese, etc.), Germanic, Slavonic, Semitic (Hebrew, Arabic, Assyrian, Hittite, Egyptian, etc.) | 8) History - certain branches (excluding those which deal primarily with the economic, social or political aspects of history) |
| B) Biblical Literature | 9) Music - History and Theory |

Among these departments are some of the largest in our universities and some also which, while not so large, have behind them a very long and honorable tradition in research. To convey some idea of the relative importance of these departments, considered from the point of view of staff, the following figures are given for the fifteen largest universities:

Philosophy	189	Linguistics and	
History of Religions	79	Comparative Philology ...	11
Oriental and Slavic Languages...	83	General and Comparative	
Classics	183	Literature	25
Romance Languages	436	Art and Archaeology	133
Germanic Languages	135	Music, History and	
English	573	Theory	70
		Total	1917

4. Administration

The Council is composed of two representatives of each of the constituent societies. In the intervals between meetings its business is transacted by an Executive Committee. The Permanent Secretary, Dr. Waldo G. Leland, is the executive officer. The offices are in Washington. An Advisory Board of nine members, representing the various humanistic fields, assist the administration in connection with scientific undertakings. Special and standing committees are set up as required; the grants in aid, for example, are administered by a committee of five, each member serving for three years, and one of these members represents the Social Science Research Council.

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5. Resources

During the nine years of its existence the Council has received funds from various sources amounting to over \$896,000 for the support of the scientific activities carried on under its direction. The sources and objects are here summarized:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Object</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dues, etc.	Administration	\$ 10,000
Carnegie Corporation	Special Projects of Research	131,800
Carnegie Institution	Special Project of Research	10,500
General Education Board	General Administration	125,000
Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial	Grants in aid of Research	55,000
Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.	Through American Historical Association, special project	10,000
New York Times Company	Dictionary of American Biography	525,000
Charles Scribner's Sons	Dictionary of American Biography	25,000
Sundry donors	General	3,715
		<u>\$896,015</u>

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to L.S.R.M.
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Whereupon it was, on motion,

RESOLVED that the sum of Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) be, and it
RF 29084 is hereby, appropriated to the AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED
SOCIETIES for FELLOWSHIPS in the field of HUMANISTIC STUDIES,

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payments to be made in accordance with the following
schedule:

1930-1931	\$40,000
1931-1932	50,000

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with the understanding that any balance remaining unexpended
at the close of the first year may be applied toward expen-
ditures in the following year.

RESOLVED that the sum of Two hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$280,000)
RF 29085 be, and it is hereby, appropriated to the AMERICAN COUNCIL OF
LEARNED SOCIETIES for GRANTS IN AID, SUPPORT OF PROJECTS,
and ADMINISTRATION in the field of the HUMANISTIC STUDIES,
payments to be made in accordance with the following schedule:

1929-1930	\$ 75,000
1930-1931	100,000
1931-1932	105,000

with the understanding that any balance of an instalment
remaining unexpended at the close of the first or second year
may be applied toward expenditures in the subsequent year.
