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Board of Directions  
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To the Board –

I write to you with the **2018-2019 Report of the Lee Student Support Fund Committee**. This committee has three members, the other two being Chair-Elect Hephzibah V. Strmic-Pawl (Manhattanville) and Meggan J. Lee (Illinois U-C). This committee allocates \$15,000 annually to eligible applicants to the Lee Student Travel Fund. Eligible applicants are members of the Society by the 15 March application deadline, are listed in the annual meeting program, and have submitted suitable documentation of their expected travel expenses. The Administrative Office, led by Michele Koontz, prepares a spreadsheet identifying eligible applicants. After awards are selected, the Administrative Office distributes award letters. This year the Fund received 97 applications and distributed 84 awards. First-time applicants; applicants with greater travel expenses, furthest away from New York or from major travel hubs; and those presenting a paper or otherwise involved in the annual meeting received funding priority.

The committee also matches mentors with mentees for the annual meeting. Mentors are solicited via email and during registration for the annual meeting. In order to make matches work, the Administrative Office also solicits the Chair of this committee to select Divisions to which to send a reminder about this opportunity. This year there were 97 mentees and 52 mentors.

The Lee Student Support Fund is an important resource for student members and a worthwhile endeavor for the Society to continue. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Please also thank Michele Koontz, Kelsey Arnold, Rachel Cogburn, and Caitlin Mize of the Administrative Office for their hard work.

Best,

Louis Esparza, Chair  
Lee Student Support Fund Committee