On 16 March 2006, the SEG Foundation Board awarded a cumulative total of US$65,000 to nine Projects of Merit. The goal of the annual Projects of Merit program is to provide support to worthwhile projects that are aligned with the Foundation's mission of encouraging and supporting scientific, educational, and charitable activities of benefit to geophysicists.

Nineteen project proposals with a total value of more than $160,000 were received this year. Proposals were first reviewed by the SEG Project Review Committee, chaired by Ivan Simoes. This committee has a truly global membership and therefore conducted its evaluation of the proposals' intellectual merit and broader impact through the new SEG e-community facility. The committee's prioritized list of projects was presented to the SEG Executive Committee on 2 March 2006. The Executive Committee endorsed the Project Review Committee recommendation and forwarded it to the SEG Foundation with a request that the SEG Foundation consider partial funding as a means to increase the number of projects supported.

The SEG Foundation Program Committee reviewed the prioritized list from the Project Review Committee in the context of the approved 2006 Foundation budget and approved Foundation Policies and Procedures. The Program Committee recommended that the Foundation Board fund the nine projects described below.

The SEG Foundation Board congratulates these projects on their 2006 funding awards and looks forward to receiving reports on their success at the end of the year.

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<th>Project Name</th>
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<td>Romania Field Camp with University of Bucharest</td>
<td>Stanford University Student Section</td>
<td>Initiate and evaluate a small-scale applied geophysical field camp for undergraduates based at a site of archaeological interest in Romania.</td>
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<td>Geophysics Education in Ghana</td>
<td>Duke University/KNUST (Ghana)</td>
<td>Enhance the geophysics program (undergraduate and graduate) and encourage, recruit and train geophysics students at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.</td>
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<td>AAPG/SEG Spring Student Expo</td>
<td>University of Oklahoma</td>
<td>Provide geophysics and geology students with an opportunity to showcase their work before other students and industry recruiters.</td>
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<td>AAPG/SEG Fall Student Expo</td>
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<td>Initiate a travel grant program for geoscience students to increase participation at this annual venue to network and interview.</td>
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<td>Potable Water Exploration</td>
<td>Nnamdi Azikiwe University</td>
<td>Provide an applied geophysical field experience for students while...</td>
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<td>in Hard Rock</td>
<td>(Nigeria) Geophysical Society</td>
<td>evaluating scientific and technological approaches to water prospecting and drilling in the hard rock Mamu formation.</td>
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<td>CSM Geophysics Summer Field Camp</td>
<td>Colorado School of Mines</td>
<td>Continue support of this field camp which provides undergraduate students with two weeks in the field collecting data, followed by two weeks of reduction, interpretation, and report writing culminating in a formal presentation to the faculty.</td>
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<td>Indian Participation in CSM Summer Field Camp</td>
<td>Indian Institute of Technology (Bombay)</td>
<td>Provide two students and one faculty member the opportunity to acquire hands-on experience by participating in the Colorado School of Mines summer field camp.</td>
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<td>Interactive Geology Project (IGP)</td>
<td>University of Colorado-Boulder</td>
<td>Develop a series of geologic animations and Web deliverables for public outreach at select museums (including SEG) and National Parks' visitor centers.</td>
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<td>SAGE Field Camp</td>
<td>San Diego State University</td>
<td>Continue support of this multinational program of education and research in geophysical field methods for undergraduate and graduate students.</td>
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