

Funds granted in 2019

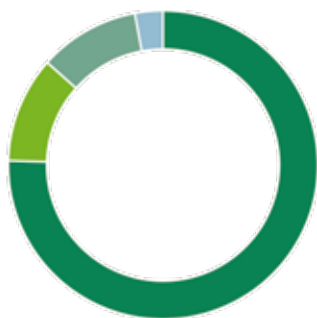
According to areas of support

- History, language and culture: € 9.8 m
- State, economy and society: € 4.5 m
- Medicine and the natural sciences: € 2.7 m
- Other: € 0.1 m



According to types of support

- Projects: € 12.9 m
- Stipends and Travel Subsidies: € 1.9 m
- Conferences: € 1.8 m
- Other: € 0.5 m



Total funds granted to scientific projects 2019: € 17.1 m

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Profile and program



The Foundation

Headquartered in Cologne, the Fritz Thyssen Foundation was founded on 7th July 1959 for the purpose of promoting the science and research. Amélie Thyssen and her daughter, Anita Countess Zichy-Thyssen, established the Foundation in memory of August and Fritz Thyssen. It was the first large private individual foundation promoting science and research to be founded in the Federal Republic of Germany after the Second World War.

Under its Statutes, the exclusive purpose of the Foundation is to directly support schools of higher learning and research institutions, primarily in Germany, with a special focus on junior scholars.

The Fritz Thyssen Foundation supports:

- | research projects which are limited in time
- | junior researchers with doctoral degrees through the award of postdoc stipends
- | small research conferences
- | to a limited extent the publication of the results of research work produced with funding from the Foundation

»It has always been our intention to place a nominal amount of DM 100 million in shares of Aug. Thyssen-Hütte A.G. in a »Fritz Thyssen Foundation« which is independently administrated and the earnings of which should be used to promote and support German universities, research and junior talent«

AMÉLIE THYSSEN ON THE PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION IN A LETTER TO KONRAD ADENAUER DATED 5 MAY 1960

The areas receiving support

History, language and culture

First of all, research projects in the traditional humanities such as philosophy, theology and religious studies, historical studies, study of classical antiquity and archaeology, aesthetics, linguistics and literary studies are promoted in this field. Secondly, projects involving cultural studies and/or which in particular seek interdisciplinary contact with the social sciences are also supported.

State, economy and society

Research projects which address the prerequisites for and the consequences of processes of change in present-day societies are the focus of promotion in this area. The Foundation by the same token concentrates on projects which can be subsumed under the rubrics of business and jurisprudence, sociology, ethnology and political science. Support may also be provided for research projects in other fields of social science.

Medicine and natural sciences

Support for basic medical research was an important aim of both benefactors from the very beginning. The promotional focus on »Molecular causes in the development of illnesses« supports molecular biological studies of illnesses whose development is largely based on genetic defects or in which genes contribute to the development of complex illnesses.



Anita Countess
Zichy-Thyssen

Filing an application

Applications can only be filed by scholars from a school of higher learning or a non-profit research institution in Germany or foreign countries.

Applications	Deadlines	Important notes
Projects	Applications can be filed up until the middle of February and until the middle of September	Funding for persons, tangible items and travel can be applied for.
Conferences	Applications can be filed up until 28th February 31st May 31st August or 30th November of each and every year	Decisions are issued eight to ten weeks after the expiry of the application deadlines.
Postdoc stipends	Applications can be filed at any time	The stipends are intended for junior researchers, generally one to two years after they have received their doctorate. No stipends are awarded for doctoral dissertations or post-doctoral theses.
Travel subsidies	Applications can be filed at any time	Travel to congresses and conferences are not funded.
Printing subsidies	Applications can be filed at any time	Only possible for publications which emanate from projects which have already received funding.

Persons filing applications will find additional important information at the website www.fritz-thyssen-stiftung.de.