



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What exactly is the Getty Foundation?

The Getty Foundation is the grantmaking program of the [J. Paul Getty Trust](#). In addition to the Foundation, the other programs of the Getty Trust are the [Getty Conservation Institute](#), the [Getty Research Institute](#), and the [J. Paul Getty Museum](#). There is one board of trustees and one budget for the entire Getty Trust.

2. How does the Foundation set its funding priorities?

Consistent with the Getty's overall mission, all of the Getty Foundation's grants promote the understanding and conservation of the visual arts. Most of the Foundation's grants are awarded through specific strategic initiatives that are developed in consultation with the fields we serve. In addition, the Foundation also administers residential fellowships at the Getty on behalf of the other programs. More information on our current priorities is [available online](#).

3. Does the Foundation accept general inquiries for projects that fall outside of its current priorities?

No. All of our grants are made through our strategic grants and programs. We offer a [general information email](#) for questions about funding.

4. Does the Foundation provide general operating support?

All of the Foundation's grants are project-based, although there may be some institutional overhead included in individual projects.

5. I think I may have a relevant project for one of the current grant initiatives, what do I do next?

Each grant initiative or program has different procedures. Some require a preliminary inquiry letter, while others have online application forms. Procedures for each funding area are described on our website.

6. Does the Foundation accept applications in languages other than English?

Yes. This decision is at the discretion of the program officer who manages the grant category, and we suggest applicants inquire about this possibility once a proposal has been invited to apply.

7. How does the Foundation decide which applications to fund?

The Foundation's senior staff are experts in the fields that we fund, and they can provide guidance to applicants. Many initiatives also rely on international advisory committees of experts in the fields of art history, conservation, and museums who read grant proposals and make recommendations to the Foundation.

8. How can I find out more information about the Foundation's grants?

Descriptions of all of our funding areas, and many of the individual projects within each area, are available on the Foundation's [website](#). There is also an [online searchable grants database](#), where visitors can browse the Foundation's full history of grants awarded.