



Research Funding 2019

Paid out + new commitments	rounded in €
international hiring	2.451.000
skin cell research (Paul-Gerson-Unna-groups)	233.000
infant care	200.000
transitional justice	141.000
islamic family law	101.000
super high resolution microscopy	31.000
neuro science	1.409.000
legal advice for peace-making + building law & order	27.000
scientists' estates, Nobel laureates post-event meeting, family business law, private support for refugees at MP institutes	
friends of Hamburg MP institutes	101.000
expansion of meeting location Castle Ringberg	1.519.000
sign-language dictionary sciences (Sign2MINT)	450.000
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further funding or investment

Bibliotheca Hertziana Rome; art hall / digital library (to date €2,5 Mil + engineering) along the lines of successful case at Institute of History of Art Florence	4,5 mil
Max Planck School Matter to Life (Göttingen, Heidelberg, Munich), student and visitors housing (to date: planning), per house	10-15 mil (to be KfW-financed; equity 10-30%)
technology Start-up Funding (scouts, training, capital) initial funding by contributor	(-)
Life-Science-Pharma-Fund (€60 mil) with Lead Discovery Center Dortmund	15 mil

Donations received and Investment Income

Donations to MPF 2019 of ~ €4,5 mil were directed by donors ~ 1/3 to projects and ~ 2/3 to MPF capital.

Several donors created a fund in their **own name within MPF** or appointed MPF to manage their **trust foundation**.
MPF **asset management** earned ~ 10% in 2019; assets now aggregate ~ €520 mil, invested in over 80 funds
worldwide with diversified risk.

The MPF investment team is advised by an experienced international Investment Committee (Chair Carla Hunter, Chief Investment Officer, Weizmann Endowment New York; other professional members from family offices of donors etc., from Munich, New York, Hong Kong, London, Düsseldorf).

ABC of private research funding by MPF

active ingredient medicine ▪ asset management / endowment ▪ Bibliotheca Hertziana Rome ▪ bio-chemistry ▪ Bonobo research Congo ▪ brain research ▪ Breakthrough Awards ▪ cell research ▪ childrens' diseases ▪ citizenship ▪ CRISPR-Cas9 DNA ▪ Cyclophilins ▪ dementia research ▪ depression research ▪ Donor-named funds ▪ donors' loans ▪ donation ▪ education research ▪ eel migration ▪ empirical esthetics ▪ ethnological field research ▪ evolutionary anthropology ▪ experimental economics ▪ Fields Medal ▪ finding new talents worldwide ▪ flexibility ▪ Freefloater research group ▪ free space ▪ gravitation waves ▪ Hermann Neuhaus Award ▪ History of Art Research Florence ▪ incubators and start-ups ▪ infant care ▪ infection biology ▪ intelligent systems ▪ islamic family law ▪ Japan Award ▪ Lab visits with donors' families ▪ laser spectroscopy ▪ last-will donations ▪ Leibniz Award ▪ local friends ▪ Marine micro biology ▪ MaxLab ▪ Max Planck-Weizmann lab ▪ meeting location Castle Ringberg Lake Tegern ▪ meeting top scientists ▪ Migration ▪ multireligious und multiethnic societies ▪ Neurodegenerative diseases ▪ Nobel Award ▪ old age research ▪ oncology ▪ Parkinson research ▪ Paul Gerson Unna research groups ▪ peace foundation ▪ Physics of self-organization ▪ political economics ▪ primitive man DNA ▪ private law ▪ quantum optics ▪ quantum teaching at schools ▪ rare languages ▪ reconciling science and family ▪ refugees projects at MPI institutes ▪ renovation Harnack-House Berlin ▪ schizophrenia research ▪ sign language dictionary ▪ skin mechanics and Big Data ▪ Software ▪ spectroscopes ▪ stress research ▪ Sunrise Reflight balloon for sun system research ▪ super high resolution microscopy ▪ Transitional Justice ▪ trust foundation ▪ visits to institutes ▪ volunteer work ▪ Werner Heisenberg ▪ $X + Y =$ mathematics

Are you interested in one of these topics? Or in another? **We gladly provide information.**

Max-Planck-Foundation

Max-Planck-Förderstiftung (MPF) is the **self-organization of private donors** supporting Max Planck Society (MPG). MPG is the **self-organization of scientists and researchers** at 86 Max-Planck-Institutes (MPI). However one may try to measure research performance (like by effects on well-being or GNP or peer approval according to „Citation Index“ etc.), MPG stands out worldwide. 33 **Nobel laureates** in science and medicine since 1911 have been researchers in MPG or its predecessor Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gesellschaft (KWG). This is more than the aggregate of all other German research institutions. Worldwide, no other research institution has more Nobel laureates in these fields. In the worldwide competition of the Best (and to attract the Best), **all** need and get government funding incl. the “private” universities in the USA, Europe and Asia. **Competitive edge** comes from **independence** by **additional private support** (money, networks, performance culture, transparency).

In the MPF/MPG family, donors and scientists meet at many science or private events, including events of the friends of Hamburg institutes; at the summer cocktail party of a donor who gives her guests insights into top science; at Castle Ringberg above Lake Tegern; at the Hermann Neuhaus Science Dinner in honor of our most important donor; and on many other occasions.

Founders' Council (Supervisory Board), Management Board and Curatorium are volunteers. Eight employees are active in asset management, administration of foundations, personally caring for donors and their families and concerns, and in developing top research philanthropy.

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