About The Getty Foundation

The Getty Foundation fulfills the philanthropic mission of the Getty Trust by supporting individuals and institutions committed to advancing the greater understanding and preservation of the visual arts in Los Angeles and throughout the world. Through strategic grants initiatives, it strengthens art history as a global discipline, promotes the interdisciplinary practice of conservation, increases access to museum and archival collections, and develops current and future leaders in the visual arts. It carries out its work in collaboration with the other Getty Programs to ensure that they individually and collectively achieve maximum effect.

Since its inception in 1984, the Getty Foundation has developed, awarded, and monitored more than 7,500 grants in over 180 countries on all seven continents. Among the Foundation’s most prominent initiatives was Pacific Standard Time: Art in L.A., 1945–1980, the largest cultural collaboration ever undertaken in the region culminating in more than 60 related exhibitions on postwar art in Los Angeles that took place across Southern California in 2011–2012.

Other Foundation initiatives include: Keeping It Modern, focused on the conservation of 20th century buildings around the world; the Panel Paintings Initiative, an effort to train the next generation of conservators of paintings on wood panels through treatment of some of the most important masterpieces in the history of Western art; Connecting Art Histories, which is bringing together scholars across national boundaries, especially from regions that face economic or political constraints; and the Online Scholarly Catalogue Initiative (OSCI), which helped museums work together to face the challenges of digital publishing.

In addition, the Foundation supports a variety of internships and professional development programs, including the Multicultural Undergraduate Internship program in Los Angeles. For further information about these and other grant programs, visit the Foundation’s website at www.getty.edu/foundation.