Herzog-Ernst-Scholarship Programme of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation at the Research Library Gotha and the Gotha Research Centre of Erfurt University

The Herzog-Ernst-Scholarship Programme of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation at the Research Library Gotha and the Gotha Research Centre of Erfurt University aims to promote academic research by providing access to the resources of the Research Library and of the associated historic collection of the Justus Perthes Gotha Publishing House as well as collections held in the Gotha Friedenstein Castle. These resources pertain mostly to:

- The Ducal court in Gotha as an example for German and European court culture
- History of publishing and book trade
- History of science and cultures of knowledge as global history, history of transfer, and entangled history, 16th to 20th century
- History of European literature, particularly 16th to early 19th century
- Early Modern and 19th-century study of Classical religions, history of Protestantism, and Islam
- Philosophy and history of the German and European Enlightenment
- Heterodoxy, dissidence, and subversion
- History of the humanities, e.g. numismatics, oriental studies, philology
- History of natural science, e.g. alchemy, astronomy, physics and botany
- History of spatially oriented disciplines, 16th to 20th century, e.g. ethnology, geology, geography and statistics
- History of cartography and imperial history
- Cartography and “critical geopolitics”
- History of objects and the historical study of material culture

Applications should ideally be geared towards one of these fields. Research scholarships for Ph.D. students will be awarded for periods of up to nine months (€ 1,100 per month) and postdoctoral scholarships for up to six months (€ 1,600 per month). Moreover, we welcome in particular applications corresponding to the following grant types: exploration stipends for PhD candidates embarking of their dissertation as well as “text and object” stipends for PhD candidates and postdocs, applying themselves to the relations between texts and objects. Applications for “profile stipends” for projects related to one of the research focuses at the Centre are likewise especially welcome. Senior scholars are invited to apply for a Hiob Ludolf-Fellowship (a monthly grant of up to € 1,200 for one or two months to help cover travel and boarding expenses). The Research Centre is particularly happy to receive applications by female scholars. In 2015 the Erfurt University was certified as family-friendly institution. In the case of visiting scholars with children we are happy to assist in finding appropriate child care.

Earliest starting date for a scholarship: 1st February 2018
Closing date for applications: 15th October 2017

Further Information: www.uni-erfurt.de/forschungszentrum-gotha/herzog-ernst-stipendien

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