



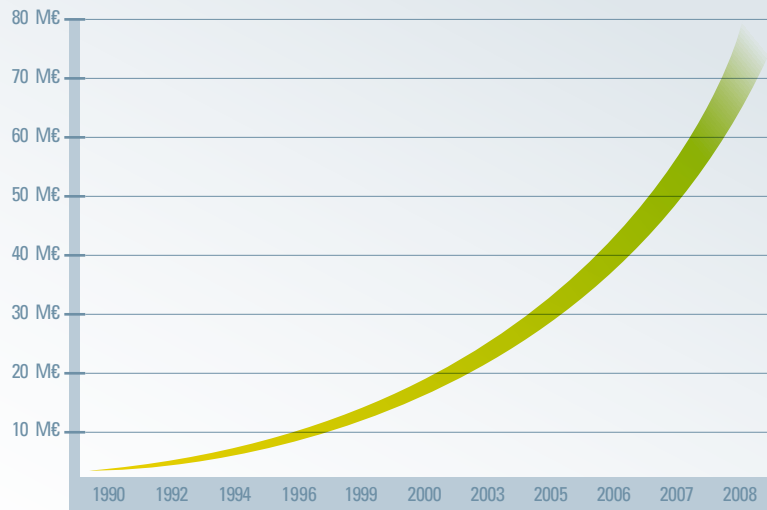
FONDATION
BETTENCOURT
SCHUELLER

OUR MISSION

To initiate, support and develop projects in the medical, cultural and humanitarian fields

The Bettencourt Schueller Foundation, entirely funded by Liliane Bettencourt and her family, encourages rigorously selected initiatives and in addition has created its own pioneering programs and prizes in these three key fields.

CUMULATE PROGRESSION OF GRANTS IN MILLIONS OF EUROS

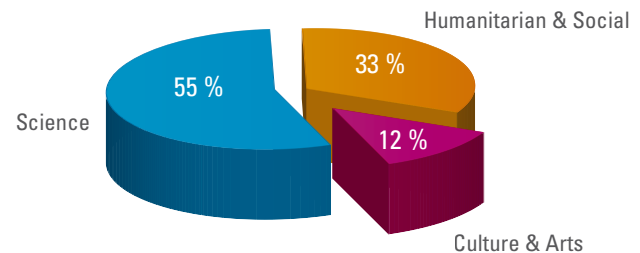


STARTING DATE OF MAIN PROGRAMS

- 1990: Choral Singing Prize
Young Researcher Award
- 1992: Social housing programs
- 1994: Illiteracy program (apfEE)
- 1996: Life Sciences Prize
- 1999: "L'Intelligence de la main" Prize
- 2000: "Coups d'élan pour la Recherche française"
PrizeOrvacs (Aids) program
- 2003: Solthis (Aids) program
- 2005: Avenir (Inserm) program
- 2006: "Technological Innovation Chair
Liliane Bettencourt" (Collège de France)
- 2007: Liliane Bettencourt PhD program
- 2008: First MD-PhD program at Inserm

BREAKDOWN BY SECTOR FOR 2008

The Bettencourt Schueller Foundation benefits from assets of 150 million Euros. Since its creation the Foundation has supported over 600 projects and invested over 75 million Euros. During the last three years (until 2008) it has distributed over 35 million Euros of which 12.6 million in 2008. 2009 budget is 15 million Euros.



A close-up portrait of Liliane Bettencourt, a woman with short, wavy brown hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark, possibly black, top. The background is softly blurred, showing hints of other people and warm lighting.

TAKING TALENT TO THE TOP

**Some time ago, a journalist asked me rather directly:
“What should money be used for?”
... and my immediate reply was “to encourage
new ventures”.**

I set up the Bettencourt Schueller Foundation in 1987 with the aim of stimulating scientific research, encouraging excellence in the arts and crafts, investing in cultural heritage and actively supporting humanitarian work.

As my father said “It is not difficult to have an idea, but to make it happen”. The best ideas of our time need the means to come to life, to develop and to last.

Liliane Bettencourt

President



SCIENCE

The Bettencourt Schueller Foundation dedicates around 55% of its total budget to finance scientific education and to directly support researchers.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE: FOCUSING ON HIGHER EDUCATION

High School level

Targeted programs aiming to awaken an interest and reinforce scientific education for adolescents from underprivileged backgrounds.

Master and Doctorate level: training high-potential students

- **École de l'Inserm Liliane Bettencourt** – financing the first national French MD-PhD program throughout France at the National Institute for Health and Medical Research.
- **FdV Frontiers in Life Sciences Liliane Bettencourt PhD Program** – creation of an international interdisciplinary PhD program, a pioneer concept in France, to promote ambitious research projects in the pursuit of understanding living systems.

Post-doctorate level: international experience

- **The Young Researcher Award** – an annual award granted to a number of post-doctorate students enabling them to continue their research abroad.
- **The Avenir Program** – set up by Inserm to encourage top level French or foreign researchers living abroad to settle and work in France.

The Liliane Bettencourt Chair for Technological Innovation

- **The Liliane Bettencourt Prize for Life Sciences** – an annual award for an exceptional under 45-year-old European researcher and his team.
- **The Liliane Bettencourt Chair for Technological Innovation** – creation of the first privately funded chair at the Collège de France. Founded in 1530, the goal of this unique institution is to promote learning at the cutting edge of research, to teach new areas of knowledge, and favour interdisciplinary exchanges.





CREATING IDEAL CONDITIONS FOR RESEARCHERS

- **“Coups d’élan pour la Recherche française”** – an annual award for purchasing new equipment and funding for renovation of three top-performing french state laboratories.
- **Collège de France** – renovating and re-equipping the Chemistry, Physics and Biology laboratories enabling 300 researchers to work in optimal conditions in the center of Paris.
- **ICM - Brain and Spinal Cord Research Institute** – financing the Brain-Machine interface team at the Pitié Salpêtrière Hospital in Paris. “The ICM is a unique world centre where patients, researchers and doctors are united in a single location: 800 permanent researchers, 25,000 m² of laboratories for the best researchers from around the world to work”. *Professor Yves Agid, ICM Scientific Director.*






HUMANITARIAN & SOCIAL AID

The Foundation supports associations committed to humanitarian and social action. Through these, it contributes to relieve particularly difficult situations and gives new opportunities to children and adults in adversity.

INSERTION PROGRAMS

- **“Habitat & Humanisme”** – includes a center for physically handicapped young people, a short-stay hospital and hostel for young people in need. These young people are offered housing in exchange for medical care training to enable their reinsertion in the workplace.
- **“Les Toits de l’Espoir”** – provides a two-fold service - renovating old buildings and accompanying deprived families so that they become financially responsible for their own homes starting with a proper lease, reduced rent and administrative help.

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- **“Zup de Co”** – aims to reduce academic failure. Students from the top French universities donate their time in order to help children from underprivileged families obtain their first diploma.
 - **“The Paris-Montagne Association”** – aims to bring underprivileged young people living in deprived areas into the heart of Paris for its Science Festival. This is followed up throughout the year with an outreach program targeting high-school students interested in science but not confident enough to enroll in undergraduate studies.

ILLITERACY AND CHILDRENS’ CHARITIES

- **The apfEE charity “Coup de Pouce CLÉ” program** – accompanies children with reading difficulties and aims to give every child an equal chance at school to prevent students from later dropping out of the system.
- **“Votre école chez vous”** – educating sick children in their homes, so that they can keep up with their peers.
- **“Un Cœur Pour la Paix”** – allows Palestinian children to undergo heart surgery at the Hadassah Hospital treated jointly by Israeli and Palestinian doctors.
- **“Support for autistic children”** – provides hands-on help to the families of autistic children.
- **“Le Rire Médecin”** – professional clowns, in close cooperation with medical staff, individually visit children twice weekly in hospital, bringing them a moment of happiness.

HIV/AIDS

Solthis is an international medical association whose aim is to transfer its medical and scientific expertise by training and supporting local healthcare professionals and national stakeholders in the fight against HIV/AIDS in developing countries. Thanks to the daily presence of its teams in the field (Mali, Niger, Madagascar, Benin and Guinea), Solthis has established sustainable healthcare systems in order to facilitate access to high quality treatment for all patients living with HIV/AIDS including those living in isolated areas.



CULTURE & ARTS

In the cultural field, the Foundation supports talented artists and craftsmen. It aims to promote great works from the past or the present, as well as encouraging new talent for the future.

PRESERVING CULTURAL HERITAGE AND DEVELOPING TALENTS FOR THE FUTURE

- **The Liliane Bettencourt Prize for “l’Intelligence de la main”** – aims to highlight France’s arts and crafts heritage. The prize is intended to support and draw attention to the meticulous work of the finest craftsmen.

SUPPORTING CHOIRS, ART EXHIBITIONS AND FILMS

- **The Liliane Bettencourt Prize for choral singing** is awarded annually to a choir in order to help them develop technically and to reach a wider audience. The winner is selected by the Académie des Beaux-Arts.
- The Foundation also **promotes and finances major art exhibitions** such as Ruhlmann: Genius of Art Deco at Le Musée des Années 30 (Boulogne-Billancourt) and the Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York), Gustave Courbet at the Grand Palais Museum (Paris), and the Art Deco and Avant-Garde Jewelry exhibition at the Museum of Decorative Arts in the Louvre (Paris).

- The Foundation **co-finances films** with an ecological, cultural or scientific theme such as Winged Migration, Oceans, the Titanic Syndrome, Dr. Virus and Mr. Hyde and Marching Band.





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