



Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Offices, RG 6

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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical note

The Rockefeller Foundation was established by act of the New York State Legislature approved by the Governor on May 14, 1913, "to promote the well-being of mankind throughout the world." Between 1913 and 1928 the China Medical Board, the International Health Board, and the Division of Medical Education functioned as divisions of the Foundation, concentrating on the administration of programs in public health and medical education. A Division of Studies was created in 1923 to handle projects outside the medical field. These early years were experimental as the new foundation studied the methods of philanthropy and explored its relationships with other Rockefeller boards.

Although the Rockefeller Foundation is the largest and best known philanthropy founded by the Rockefeller family, it was neither the first nor the last to be established. The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research (1901), the General Education Board (1902), the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission for the Eradication of Hookworm Disease (1909), and the Bureau of Social Hygiene (1911) all existed earlier. When the Foundation was created, the Sanitary Commission was disbanded. After the establishment of the Foundation, the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial (1918) and the International Education Board (1923) were created.

The Rockefeller boards and their programs were reconsidered and reorganized in 1927-1928 in order to avoid overlapping programs. The International Health Board of the Foundation was disbanded and an International Health Division was organized. The China Medical Board, Inc., was established as a separately incorporated institution, and the China Medical Board of the Foundation ceased to exist. The Division of Studies was dropped and the Division of Medical Education was phased out. The Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial was combined with the Foundation and the Spelman Fund of New York was chartered to continue activities of the LSRM that were not absorbed by the Foundation. The International Education Board was disbanded.

As a result of this reorganization, the Foundation adopted a program which included public health work (administered by the IHD), the advancement of knowledge in the medical and natural sciences (in part taken over from the IEB), the social sciences (formerly the field of the LSRM), and the humanities and arts (shared with the GEB). The Rockefeller Institute and the Bureau of Social Hygiene were not affected by the reorganization. The program adopted by the Foundation at this time remained basically the same for the next twenty years.

As its files accumulated, the Foundation maintained a card index recording the names of institutional and individual grantees and correspondents. A microfilm copy of this index is available at the Archive Center.

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File Plan note

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Organization of the Foundation's archives:

RG 1 Projects;

RG 2 General Correspondence;

RG 3 Administration, Program and Policy;

RG 4 China Medical Board;

RG 5 International Health Board/Division;

RG 6 Field Offices;

RG 7 Treasurer's Office;

RG 8 Comptroller;

RG 9 Personnel;

RG 10 Fellowships;

RG 11 Information Services;

RG 12 Diaries;

RG 13 Oral Histories;

RG 14 Counsel;

RG 15 Secretary;

RG 16 Minutes and Officers Actions;

RG 17 Dockets;

RG 18 Declinations (100F);

RG 19 Non-textual Materials;

RG 20 Communications Office.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Social sciences -- India
- Philanthropy
- Public health
- Medical sciences
- Medical research -- India
- Agricultural innovations
- Agricultural innovations -- Mexico
- Agriculture
- Agriculture -- India
- Green Revolution
- Colombia
- Charities
- Charitable uses, trusts, and foundations
- Medical education
- Life sciences
- Latin America
- India
- Philanthropy -- United States
- Medical research

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Detailed finding aids for the following portions of the collection are available:

[FA395 Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Offices, Paris.](#)

[FA396 Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Offices, New Delhi, India.](#)

[FA397 Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Offices, Cali, Colombia.](#)

[FA398 Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Offices, Mexico.](#)

[FA399 Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Office, Ankara, Turkey.](#)

Detailed finding aids for for the following field offices are available:

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- 1 Rockefeller Foundation records, field offices, Paris (FA395)
- 2 Rockefeller Foundation records, field offices, New Delhi, India (FA396)
- 3 Rockefeller Foundation records, field offices, Cali, Colombia (FA397)
- 4 Rockefeller Foundation records, field offices, Mexico (FA398)
- 5 Rockefeller Foundation records, field offices, Ankara, Turkey (FA399)

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