



Ford Foundation records, Office of Reports, Information Files

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Ford Foundation was chartered by Henry and Edsel Ford in 1936 "to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare", and initially served the Ford family's charitable interests in the Detroit area. Following the deaths of Edsel Ford (1943) and Henry Ford (1947), the Foundation was propelled to the forefront of philanthropy as the largest American foundation in terms of both endowment and yearly expenditures, and with an international scope to its major program areas.

During the Foundation's first twenty years its major programs were in international economic development, primary and higher education, educational and public broadcasting, behavioral sciences, civil liberties, urban development, fine arts and the humanities. The Ford Foundation also partnered with the Rockefeller Foundation in supporting agricultural development in South America, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Since the 1970s, the Foundation has also pioneered programs in women's rights, energy policy, micro-financing in under-developed countries, establishing human rights groups, and improving international HIV/AIDS education.

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Scope and Contents

The collection is comprised of information files culled from the Ford Foundation's Office of Reports. These information files consist of correspondence, reports, and program assessment materials that were originally housed in the Director's Office within the Office of Reports.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged into one series: Information Files from the Office of the Director.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Ford Foundation -- History

Collection Inventory

Information Files from the Office of the Director, 1936-1981

Title/Description	Instances	
Ford Foundation Historical Materials - Notes on the Principles and Policies of the Ford Foundation (Second Draft), 1954	box 1	folder 1
Scope and Contents Copy #8		
Ford Foundation Historical Materials - Mr. McKeever Special Docket (First Draft), 1955 August	box 1	folder 2
Ford Foundation Historical Materials - Statements of Grants, 1936-1954	box 1	folder 3
Ford Foundation Historical Materials - Background Articles, 1953-1961	box 1	folder 4
Scope and Contents Draft article by David Cohn, September 1953 How the Ford Foundation Works (Edited Third Draft), T. Keenan, April 1961 Seminar Document - The Ford Foundation - Its Interest in Community Development, January 1956 Information Bulletin No. 44 - Fact Sheet, January 1956		
Docket - Meeting of the Trustees - Part 1: The President's Report, 1953 May 13-14	box 1	folder 5

The Ford Foundation Historical Financial Report , 1936 January 15-1954 September 30	box 1	folder 6
Ford Foundation Organizational Charts, 1981	box 1	folder 7
The Ford Foundation Management and Program Trends in the Fifties and Sixties, 1971 June	box 1	folder 8
Ford Foundation Self-Study, 1972	box 2	folder 9
Special Program in Education "Most-Favored Universities", 1960-1969	box 2	folder 10
Special (Slater) Committee, 1961-1962	box 2	folder 11
Ford Foundation 25th Anniversary Materials, 1972-1974	box 2	folder 12-13
Food/Agriculture, 1974-1976	box 2	folder 14
Foundation Relations with Government Programs, 1965-1972	box 3	folder 15
Trustees Statement, 1964 August-September	box 3	folder 16
Fund for Area Planning, 1968-1972	box 3	folder 17
"The Ford Philanthropies, 1911-1936," William Greenleaf - Correspondence and Draft , 1956-1963	box 3	folder 18
Humanities and the Arts - Ford Foundation Program, 1957-1963	box 3	folder 19
Individual Grants Manual, 1973	box 3	folder 20

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