



Finding Aid for

**FORD FOUNDATION COLLECTION, 1936-1969**  
**Accession 923**

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## **SUMMARY INFORMATION**

Creator: Ford Foundation

Title: Ford Foundation collection

Inclusive Dates: 1936-1969

Size: 2.4 cubic ft.

Restrictions: The papers are open for research.

Abstract: Philanthropic corporation created by Edsel B. Ford in 1936. Records are primarily publications.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition: Ongoing

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Copyright: Copyright has not been transferred to The Henry Ford

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## **HISTORY**

The Ford Foundation was created with \$25,000 in original capital by Edsel B. Ford in 1936 as a philanthropic, non-profit Michigan corporation. Its purpose as outlined in the articles of incorporation was for receiving and distributing funds for scientific, educational and charitable purposes or "for any purpose that will increase the welfare of mankind." In 1950 the foundation moved its headquarters to New York and began to provide grants on a national and international level. The foundation no longer has ties to the Ford Motor Company or the Ford family. It is guided by an international board of trustees, who rely on an international staff to explore funding possibilities, evaluate grant applications and recommend grants for approval.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Except for a typewritten summary of the estate of Henry Ford and a few magazine articles, the collection is comprised of printed material including annual reports for the Ford Foundation from 1951 to 1963. Other publications include a series of booklets reporting on activities supported by the foundation in the United States, state by state, ca. 1963; a series of booklets reporting on activities in countries around the world; and a series documenting grants given to states, ca. 1963. Also included is a 1954 report by Henry Ford II and H. Rowan Gaither, Jr. entitled "Investment in Human Progress: a report on the Ford Foundation to the employees and management of Ford Motor Company;" a 1952 "Report of the Trustees of the Ford Foundation," a 1962 report entitled "Ford Foundation in the 1960s," and a 1949 report entitled "Report of the Study for the Ford Foundation on Policy and Program."

## **BOX AND FOLDER LISTING**

<b>Box no.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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### **Box 1**

Background, 1936-1952  
Contributions, 1936-1945  
Articles (3 folders)  
Publications  
    About the Ford Foundation, 1958  
    Arts and Philanthropy, 1953  
    Attracting Maintaining a Supply off Effective Accounting Teachers, 1956  
    Careers in Teaching Engineering, 1965  
    Context the World, 1966  
    Ford Foundation and Foundation Activities in India, 1955  
    Ford Foundation in the 1960s  
    Ford Residences in Engineering Practice, 1966  
    Investment in Human Progress, 1954  
    Metropolis, 1959  
    Pakistan, 1959  
    Report of the Study for the Ford Foundation on Policy, 1949  
    Tapestry for Tomorrow, 1964  
    University of Michigan Phoenix Project (bound presentation), 1950

### **Boxes 2 and 3**

Annual Reports, 1951-1969

### **Box 4 - 6**

States within the United States (includes reports on grants), ca. 1957-1963