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## Descriptive Summary

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<b>Title</b>	Purdue Research Foundation records
<b>Collection Identifier</b>	UA 5
<b>Date Span</b>	1930-2011 (predominant 1947-1960)
<b>Abstract</b>	Project reports, research director's calendars and reports, meeting minutes, and other records of the Purdue Research Foundation.
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## Administrative Information

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## **Subjects and Genres**

### **Persons**

Ross, David E.

### **Organizations**

Purdue University. Purdue Research Foundation

Purdue University. School of Pharmacy

National Science Foundation United

States. Air Force.

United States. Atomic Energy Commission

United States. Army. Ordnance Department

United States. Navy. Naval Research

### **Topics**

Defense industries. Technological innovations. United States.

Scientific research

### **Form and Genre Types**

Calendars

Minutes

Proposals

Reports

## History of the Purdue Research Foundation

Founded in 1930, the Purdue Research Foundation is a nonprofit organization. Through contributions, the foundation provides scholarships, graduate fellowships, faculty grants, and cost-sharing grants. The foundation also manages the Purdue Research Park and Office of Technology Commercialization. Originally envisioned by David E. Ross, the Purdue Research Foundation enables Purdue University, as a public institution, to contract and conduct research with industrial innovators and developers. Ross, together with Josiah K. Lilly of the Eli Lilly and Company, initially donated \$50,000 to launch the foundation, which exists today to “manage and license Purdue’s intellectual property, accept gifts, administer trusts, acquire property, negotiate research contracts and perform other services helpful to Purdue.” Earnings from long term investments and income from gifts, rentals, and royalties, constitute the foundation’s revenue.

*Sources:*

Purdue Research Foundation web pages, at:  
<http://www.prf.org/prf-about>, and  
<http://www.prf.org/node/9>

## Collection Description

### Scope

The Purdue Research Foundation Records (1930-2011; 8.2 cubic feet) documents the history and function of the Purdue Research Foundation, from its founding in 1930. The bulk of the collection consists of materials from the 1940s and 1950s, including administrative records and project reports. Materials from other years are far less prominent. Documents within the collection include calendars, minutes, proposals, and reports. The Purdue Research Foundation Records are organized into three series:

### Arrangement

**1. Administrative Records, 1933-2011 (3.2 cubic feet).** Series includes PRF Research Council meeting minutes, 1955-1959; research director's calendars, 1933-1941, 1948, and reports, 1950-1954; miscellaneous summaries and reports from the 1950s and 1980s-2010s; proposals for McClure Research Park, 1965-1966; and XR Fund and Fellowship materials, 1933-1959. Director's calendars served as case histories of active and on-going projects. They were presented each year at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Purdue Research Foundation.

Materials in the series are arranged chronologically by document type.

**2. Project Reports, 1947-1960 (4.4 cubic feet).** Series consists of project reports submitted by PRF-funded researchers between 1947 and 1960. Many of the projects were related to the defense industry, research conducted under contract with the U.S. armed forces, as well as the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and National Science Foundation. The project reports are especially revealing when viewed in the context of national defense and the development of military technology during the initial decade of the Cold War.

The project reports are arranged according to their original project number.

**3. Miscellaneous Purdue Research Foundation Materials, 1931-2011 (0.6 cubic feet).** Series consists of materials related to the original organization and purpose of the PRF and David E. Ross' involvement in the establishment of the PRF's XR Fund. Other materials, such as booklets and newsletters, are included in this series.

Materials in the series are arranged by document type.

### Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

## **Processing Information**

All materials have been housed in acid-free boxes, and when applicable, acid-free folders. Much of the collection is organized by document type, with the project reports comprising Series 2 are arranged by the numerical designation of the project, rather than the year of the report. This corresponds with the order in which they were found.

## **Revision History**

Collection identifier updated from UA 3 to UA 5 as of September 9, 2016.

Updated Series 1, Box 5; added item 7, 2011-2012 Annual Report booklet, previously unprocessed, as of May 23, 2017

## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

### **Series 1. Administrative Records, 1933-2011**

(3.2 cubic feet)

#### **Box 1 Purdue Research Foundation Research Council, Minutes, 1955-1959**

##### Folder

1. Minutes, 1955
2. Minutes, 1956
3. Minutes, 1957
4. Minutes, 1958
5. Minutes, 1959

#### **Box 2 Research Director's Calendars, 1933-1941, 1948**

##### Item (Bound Calendars)

1. 1933-1937 (labeled "Reports on Purdue Research Foundation")
2. 1934-1938
3. "Meeting of the Board of Directors, Purdue Research Foundation, May 10, 1939, Research Director's Calendar"
4. "Meeting of the Board of Directors, Purdue Research Foundation, May 12, 1948, Research Directors Calendar" (copy 1)
5. "Meeting of the Board of Directors, Purdue Research Foundation, May 12, 1948, Research Directors Calendar" (copy 2)

##### Folder

1. "Research Director's Calendar, for the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 10, 1939" (identical to above calendar of same date, incomplete copy)
2. "Research Director's Calendar, Abbreviated Form, May 10, 1939"
3. "Meeting of the Board of Directors, Purdue Research Foundation, May 8, 1940, Research Director's Calendar," (copy 1, Index and pages 1-100)
4. 1940 Calendar, continued (copy 1, pages 101-220)
5. 1940 Calendar, continued (copy 1, pages 221-334)
6. "Meeting of the Board of Directors, Purdue Research Foundation, May 8, 1940, Research Director's Calendar," (copy 2, Index and pages 1-100)
7. 1940 Calendar, continued (copy 2, pages 101-220)

8. 1940 Calendar, continued (copy 2, pages 221-334)
9. "Abbreviated Form of the Research Director's Calendar Presented At the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 8, 1940," (copy 1)
10. "Abbreviated Form of the Research Director's Calendar Presented At the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 8, 1940," (copy 2)
11. "Research Director's Calendar, for the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 14, 1941," (copy 1, Index and pages 1-120)
12. 1941 calendar, continued (copy 1, pages 121-193)
13. "Research Director's Calendar, for the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 14, 1941," (copy 2, Index and pages 1-120)
14. 1941 calendar, continued (copy 2, pages 121-193)

### **Box 3 Research Director's Reports, 1950-1952**

#### Item (Bound Reports)

1. "Report of President and Research Director, for the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 10, 1950" (copy 1)
2. "Report of President and Research Director, for the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 9, 1951" (copy 1)
3. "Report of President and Research Director, Meeting of the Board of Directors, Purdue Research Foundation May 14, 1952" (copy 1)

#### Folder

1. "Report of President and Research Director, for the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 10, 1950" (copy 2)
2. "Report of President and Research Director, for the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 9, 1951" (copy 2)
3. "Report of President and Research Director, Meeting of the Board of Directors, Purdue Research Foundation May 14, 1952" (copy 2)

### **Box 4 Research Director's Reports, 1952-1954**

#### Item (Bound Reports)

1. "Report of President and Research Director, Meeting of the Board of Directors, Purdue Research Foundation May 14, 1952, Section Number 1"
2. "Report of President and Research Director, for the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 13, 1953" (copy 1)
3. "Report of President and Research Director, for the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 12, 1954" (copy 1)



Folder

1. "Report of President and Research Director, for the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 13, 1953" (copy 2)
2. "Report of President and Research Director, for the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 12, 1954" (copy 2)
3. "Report of President and Research Director, for the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 12, 1954" (copy 2), continued

**Box 5 Summaries & Reports, 1950s, 1980s-2010s**

Item

1. Purdue University, Office of Contract and Grant Business Affairs, "Summary of Awards and Expenditures for Sponsored Programs and Fellowships, Fiscal Year 1990-91"
2. Purdue University, Office of Contract and Grant Business Affairs, "Summary of Awards and Expenditures for Sponsored Programs and Fellowships, Fiscal Year 1991-92"
3. Purdue University, Office of Contract and Grant Business Affairs, "Summary of Awards and Expenditures for Sponsored Programs and Fellowships, Fiscal Year 1992-93"
4. Purdue University, Office of Contract and Grant Business Affairs, "Awards and Expenditures for Sponsored Programs, Fiscal Year 1993-94"
5. Purdue University, Office of Contract and Grant Business Affairs, "Awards and Expenditures for Sponsored Programs, Fiscal Year 1994-95"
6. Purdue University, Office of Contract and Grant Business Affairs, "Awards and Expenditures for Sponsored Programs, Fiscal Year 1995-96"

Folder

1. Purdue Research Foundation, "1955 Annual Research Report"
2. Purdue Research Foundation, "Annual Research Report – 1956"
3. Purdue Research Foundation, "1957 Annual Research Report"; Purdue Research Foundation, "Annual Research Report, 1958"; Purdue Research Foundation, "Annual Research Report, 1959"
4. Office of Patents and Copyrights, Division of Sponsored Programs, "Annual Report, 1986"
5. "Farms and Forests Owned, Operated, or Leased by Purdue University, Purdue Research Foundation, Ross-Ade Foundation," 1987
6. Purdue Research Foundation, "2009-10 Annual Report"; Purdue Research Foundation, "2010-11 Annual Report, Special Edition"
7. Purdue Research Foundation, "2011-212 Annual Reports, Our Global Connection"

## **Box 6 Proposals, McClure Research Park, 1965-1966**

*Bound proposals that include memorandums, brochures, booklets, school and division descriptions, reports, etc., concerning the McClure Research Park*

### Item

1. "Proposal for Industrial Laboratories by Purdue Industrial Research Park (McClure Park, Incorporated)," circa 1965-1966
2. "Proposal Sent to Prospective Tenants of McClure Park, Inc., 1965-1966"

## **Box 7 XR Fund and Fellowship Materials, 1933-1959**

### Folder

1. Subcommittee Minutes, 1955
2. Subcommittee Minutes, 1956
3. Subcommittee Minutes, 1957
4. Subcommittee Minutes, 1958
5. Subcommittee Minutes, 1959
6. Correspondence and Memorandums, 1933-1934, 1943, 1945
7. Memorandums, 1952
8. Memorandums, 1953
9. Memorandums, 1956
10. Memorandums, 1957
11. Memorandums, 1958
12. Memorandums, 1959
13. Policies and Procedures, 1952, 1954
14. Policies and Procedures, undated
15. Application Guidelines, 1954, 1956-1957
16. Announcement, 1958
17. Staff Directory, undated

## **Series 2. Project Reports, 1947-1960**

(4.4 cubic feet)

## **Box 8 Project Reports, 1954-1960**

### Folder

1. Project No. 38, for Commercial Solvents Corps, 1958-1959
2. Project No. 173, for Hooker Electrochemical Co., 1957-1960
3. Project No. 259, for Westinghouse Electric Corp., 1957-1958
4. Project No. 319, for Purdue School of Pharmacy, 1958
5. Project No. 451, for U.S. Naval Research, 1955-1957
6. Project No. 490, for Purdue School of Pharmacy, 1958

7. Project No. 609, for U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, undated
8. Project No. 743, for Office of the Surgeon General (Isolation of Profibrinolysin, Fibrinolysin, and Antifibrinolysin), 1957-1959
9. Project No. 784, for U.S. Office of Naval Research, 1957-1958, 1960
10. Project No. 872, for Purdue School of Pharmacy, 1958
11. Project No. 885, for Purdue School of Pharmacy, 1958
12. Project No. 927, for U.S. Corps of Engineers, New England Division, 1958
13. Project No. 964, for U.S. Air Force, 1954, 1956

## **Box 9 Project Reports, 1955-1960**

### Folder

1. Project No. 993, for U.S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Missile Evaluation Division, Corona California, 1955
2. Project No. 994, for U.S. Office of Naval Research, 1958
3. Project No. 996, for Smith, Kline & French Research Fellow, 1958
4. Project No. 1016, for Argonne National Laboratory, 1958
5. Project No. 1049, for U.S. Army Ordnance, 1957-1959
6. Project No. 1052, for U.S. Army Ordnance, 1958
7. Project No. 1062, for National Science Foundation, 1958
8. Project No. 1070, for Hooker Chemical Corporation, 1958-1959
9. Project No. 1079, for U.S. Navy, Project Squid, 1957-1959
10. Project No. 1081, for U.S. Army, 1955, 1957
11. Project No. 1083, for Petroleum Research Fund, 1959
12. Project No. 1140, for National Science Foundation, 1958
13. Project No. 1153, for U.S. Air Force, Office of Scientific Research, 1958
14. Project No. 1163, for U.S. Air Force, 1958
15. Project No. 1165, for U.S. Army, Ordnance, 1958-1959
16. Project No. 1186, for National Science Foundation, 1958
17. Project No. 1203, for Air Research and Development Command, 1958
18. Project No. 1210, for U.S. Air Force, Office of Scientific Research, 1958
19. Project No. 1211, for U.S. Armed Forces, Medical Procurement Agency, 1958
20. Project No. 1226, for U.S. Office of Naval Research, 1958-1960
21. Project No. 1233, for U.S. Army, Ordnance, 1958
22. Project No. 1234, for U.S. Army, Ordnance, 1955-1958
23. Project No. 1242, for U.S. Army, Ordnance, 1958
24. Project No. 1243, for U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research, 1958
25. Project No. 1244, for U.S. Air Force, Office of Scientific Research, 1958
26. Project No. 1245, for Purdue Engineering Experiment Station, U.S. Air Force, 1957
27. Project No. 1254, for National Science Foundation, 1954, 1957, 1960

## **Box 10 Project Reports, 1956-1960**

### Folder

1. Project No. 1255, for National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, 1958
2. Project No. 1257, for Lithium Corp of America, 1958-1959
3. Project No. 1258, for U.S. Signal Corps, 1957-1960
4. Project No. 1259, for National Science Foundation, 1958
5. Project No. 1279, for U.S. Army, Ordnance, 1958-1959
6. Project No. 1287, for Purdue Computer Research Program, 1956-1958
7. Project No. 1293, for American Society of Tool Engineers, 1957-1958
8. Project No. 1297, for U.S. Air Force, Office of Scientific Research, 1957-1958
9. Project No. 1298, for U.S. Air Force, Office of Scientific Research, 1957-1958
10. Project No. 1303, for U.S. Air Force, Office of Scientific Research, 1957-1958
11. Project No. 1306, for Indiana Electric Association, 1958
12. Project No. 1319, for Commercial Solvents Corp., 1957-1959
13. Project No. 1385, for Purdue School of Pharmacy, 1958
14. Project No. 1407, for National Science Foundation, undated
15. Project No. 1408, for National Science Foundation, 1958
16. Project No. 1411, for Continental Oil Co., 1957-1958
17. Project No. 1421, for U.S. Air Force, Office of Scientific Research, 1958
18. Project No. 1424, for National Industrial Products, Keever Starch Div., 1957-1958
19. Project No. 1445, for Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp., 1957-1958
20. Project No. 1448, for Quartermaster Food and Container Institute for the Armed Forces, 1957
21. Project No. 1459, for National Science Foundation, 1958-1959
22. Project No. 1474, for U.S. Air Force, 1958
23. Project No. 1476, for U.S. Air Force, Office of Scientific Research, 1958-1959
24. Project No. 1499, for U.S. Office of Naval Research, 1958

## **Box 11 Project Reports, 1947-1960**

### Item

1. Project No. 1706, for National Institutes of Health, 1958
2. Project for Purdue-Calumet Development Foundation, 1957

### Folder

1. Project No. 1500, for Sherwin-Williams Co., 1957-1960
2. Project No. 1503, for U.S. Army, Ordnance, 1958
3. Project No. 1558, for Study of Calibration Devices for Wind Measuring Equipment, 1958

4. Project No. 1559, for Air Force Personnel and Training Research Center, 1958
5. Project No. 1562, for Archer-Daniels Midland Co., 1958-1959
6. Project No. 1593, for Purdue School of Pharmacy, 1958
7. Project No. 1594, for Purdue School of Pharmacy, 1958
8. Project No. 1707, for Purdue Dept. of Psychology, 1958
9. Project No. 1712, for National Institutes of Health, 1959
10. Project No. 1717, for McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, 1958
11. Project No. 1724, for National Science Foundation, 1958
12. Project No. 1728, for Diamond Alkali Co., 1958-1959
13. Project No. 1738, for Diamond Alkali Co., Chlorinated Products Div., 1958
14. Project No. 1745, for Office of Naval Research, 1958
15. Project No., 1785, for Martin Company, Denver Division, 1958-1959
16. Project No., 1790, for U.S. Air Force, Office of Scientific Research, 1958-1959
17. Project No., 1800, for Quartermaster Research & Engineering Command, 1958
18. Project No. 1802, for Ethyl Corporation, 1960
19. Project No. 1806, for U.S. Air Force, Office of Scientific Research, 1958
20. Project No. 1916, for Purdue Dept. of Psychology, undated
21. Project No. 1935, for U.S. Air Force, 1958
22. Project No. 1943, for U.S. Army Signal Engineering Laboratories, 1958
23. Project No. 1947, for U.S. Air Force, Cambridge Research Center, 1958
24. Project No. 1957, for Army Ballistic Missile Agency, 1957
25. Project No. 1994, for Purdue School of Pharmacy, 1959
26. Project No. 2006, for U.S. Borax Corporation, 1958-1959
27. Project No. 2013, for National Science Foundation, 1960
28. Project No. 2056, for National Science Foundation, 1959
29. Project No. 2092, for Ethyl Corporation, 1959-1960
30. Project No. 2133, for Wright Air Development Center, 1959
31. Projects for Anaconda Wire and Cable Co., 1953; James R. Kearney Corporation, 1954; Kimble Glass Company, 1954
32. Project for Army Air Force, Air Material Command, 1947
33. Projects for Delco-Remy Division, General Motors Corporation, 1950, 1953;
34. U.S. Air Force, Air Material Command, 1951
35. Purdue Housing Project, 1935

## **Box 12 Project Reports, 1958-1959**

### Folder

1. Project for Purdue School of Pharmacy, 1959
2. Projects for U.S. Army, Ordnance, 1958-1959
3. Projects for U.S. Air Force, Office of Scientific Research, 1958
4. Project for U.S. Army, Army Ballistics Missile Agency, 1959

5. Project for U.S. Office of Ordnance Research, 1958
6. Project No. 242, Purdue School of Pharmacy, 1958
7. Project for National Science Foundation, 1959
8. Projects for U.S. Air Force, Office of Scientific Research, undated
9. Project for U.S. Navy, Office of Naval Research, 1958
10. Project for U.S. Borax Corporation, 1959
11. Projects for Purdue Department of Physics, undated
12. Project for U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, 1958
13. Project for Purdue School of Pharmacy, 1959
14. Projects for National Science Foundation, 1958-1959
15. Project for National Science Foundation, 1959
16. Miscellaneous Projects, 1958, undated

### **Series 3. Miscellaneous Purdue Research Foundation Materials, 1931-2011**

(0.6 cubic feet)

#### **Box 13 Miscellaneous Purdue Research Foundation Materials, 1931-1960**

##### Folder

1. Book, *The Proposed Research Foundation, Purdue University*, undated (copy 1)
2. Book, *The Proposed Research Foundation, Purdue University*, undated (copy 2)
3. Booklets, "Purdue Research Foundation, Its Organization and Purpose," 1931; "Purdue Research Foundation, Its Organization and Purpose" (revised), 1944; "Purdue Research Foundation, Lafayette, Indiana," 1931
4. Booklet, "The Proceeding of the Fourth Industrial Research Conference, November 17 and 18, 1933"
5. Booklets, "The Proceedings of the Second Industrial Research Conference, October 9 and 10, 1931"; "The Proceedings of the Homes Conference, June 1, 1935"
6. Summary Histories, "David E. Ross and the 'XR Fund'" (Summary Paragraphs), 1954; "David E. Ross and the 'XR Fund'" (Supplementary to Summary), 1954
7. Supplemental Trust Agreement, David E. Ross (XR) Foundation Graduate Program, 1955
8. Summary History, "Development of Purdue University Airport," 1956  
With attached transmittal slip and document
9. Meeting Minutes, Subcommittee on XL Grants of the Foundation Research Council, 1960

**Box 14      Miscellaneous Purdue Research Foundation Materials, 1978-2011**

Folder

1.      Booklet, "The Purdue Foundation Board of Governors, Organization and Purpose, circa 1978
2.      *DSPatch* Newsletters, 1982-1985
3.      Purdue Research Park, Brochure, 2004
4.      Purdue Research Park, *Innovation Express* Newsletter, 2004-2006
5.      Office of Technology Commercialization, Annual Report and Memorandum, 2010, 2011