

## **Abstract**

The thesis focuses on the activity of the Rockefeller Foundation and its support for Hungarian social scientists. It encompasses the beginning of its activity and development of policy regarding the social sciences. By maintenance of prosopographic method of historical analysis, I attempt to scrutiny the relationship between historical context and advancement of knowledge achieved by the scientists with the support of the Rockefeller's fellowship program. I use archival materials of the Rockefeller Archive Center (RAC) in order to introduce particular examples of achievements made by Hungarian scientists. The purpose of the thesis is to analyze an impact of the Foundation and define the nature of its influence as being beneficial or disadvantageous for the development of the social sciences.