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Introduction:
For the past 53 years, the American Nurses Foundation (ANF) has focused on providing national leadership in health philanthropy, developing nurse scientists and their research, growing its financial resources and infusing cultural and ethnic diversity into its advancement of nursing science. An examination of its origins indicates that the ANF has accomplished the goals envisioned by the leaders of the American Nurses Association (ANA) when it established the foundation in 1955. Aims: of this historical study was to identify all ANF scholars from 1955-2007 with data on 1) PI and/or Co-PI(s); 2) year of grant, 3) title of grant and 4) affiliated institutions (school, hospital or organization) at the time of the ANF award.

Method(s):
Historical research methods were used by examining ANA/ANF archival materials at the History of Nursing Archives at Boston University, research columns in Nursing Research, American Journal of Nursing and The American Nurse, archival program materials of the late Undine Sams (Ardalan & Messmer, Private Duty Nurse, Undine Sams: Passion, Power & Political Action, 2008), and various websites.

Results:
Only 5% of ANF Scholars were affiliated with hospitals/medical centers with the majority of those from children's hospitals.

Discussion:
A substantial number of ANF Scholars have become leaders in nursing research, subsequently receiving significant funding from NINR and other agencies. Conclusions: This study illustrates the importance of retaining and maintaining archival material. Identifying the 53 year history of ANF scholars illustrates the trajectory of nursing research and dean/institutional support for the development of nursing science.

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