Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh (1917-2015) was president of the University of Notre Dame from 1952 to 1987, a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and an influential figure in higher education, American public life, and international affairs. A noted public intellectual, he worked tirelessly on behalf of causes ranging from the Civil Rights Movement to the development of collegiate athletic programs and the mission of modern Catholic universities.

Hesburgh’s unique perspective and prodigious contributions stand to enrich a broad range of studies in American social, religious, and political history, as well as ongoing discussions in public policy, the philosophy of education, and peace studies. The Archives of the University of Notre Dame house primary source material documenting Hesburgh’s life and work, and the Cushwa Center is offering travel grants to make these materials more readily available to scholars. Visit archives.nd.edu/hesburgh for links to finding aids and to explore collections.

Go to cushwa.nd.edu/grant-opportunities/hesburgh for the application form, complete application instructions, selection criteria, and conditions. Applicants should submit the following documents to cushwa@nd.edu:

1. completed application form;
2. current curriculum vitae;
3. project description (up to 1,000 words) specifying the collections and/or particular materials on Hesburgh that relate to your project;
4. proposed budget estimating travel, lodging, and research expenses.

Recommendations are no longer required for Research Travel Grant applications.

Grants are awarded twice yearly. The next application deadlines are October 1, 2016, and April 1, 2017. Applicants will be notified by December 1 and June 1, respectively.