In 1934, Eugene Northrop finished his Ph.D. in mathematics at Yale, and was competing for scarce jobs with his classmate, Saunders Mac Lane. He settled for a position at the private boarding school, Hotchkiss, where he stayed until 1943. That year, Northrop took up a post at the newly founded College of the University of Chicago. Partnering with the dean at the time, F. Champion Ward, Northrop developed and taught in the college’s mathematics program. A year spent as an education consultant for the NSF and the Ford Foundation’s Fund for the Advancement of Education in 1955, along with his connections to Ward, who had joined the foundation a few years earlier, positioned Northrop to move from the world of American liberal arts education to a role in which he helped shape the funding activities of what had become the richest philanthropic foundation in the world. This talk will consider Northrop’s work at the University of Chicago, and his contributions to the development of university science in Turkey through his position at the Ford Foundation. (Received September 15, 2019)