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Form **990-PF**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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For calendar year 2020, or tax year beginning 01-01-2020 , and ending 12-31-2020

Name of foundation
FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS INSTITUTE

A Employer identification number
27-0632031

Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address)
PO BOX 3655

Room/suite

B Telephone number (see instructions)
(215) 836-9781

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
DECATUR, GA 30031

C If exemption application is pending, check here ▶ ☐

G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change

D 1. Foreign organizations, check here..... ▶ ☐
2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ... ▶ ☐

H Check type of organization: ☑ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation

E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ..... ▶ ☐

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), *line 16)* ▶$ 1,021,152

J Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☑ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____
(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)

F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ..... ▶ ☐

Part I **Analysis of Revenue and Expenses** *(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)*

			(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	4,880,395			
	2	Check ▶ ☐ if the foundation is **not** required to attach Sch. B				
	3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	616	616	616	
	4	Dividends and interest from securities				
	5a	Gross rents				
	b	Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a _____				
	7	Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0		
	8	Net short-term capital gain			0	
	9	Income modifications				
	10a	Gross sales less returns and allowances _____				
	b	Less: Cost of goods sold _____				
	c	Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11	Other income (attach schedule)				
	12	**Total.** Add lines 1 through 11	4,881,011	616	616	
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13	Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	214,495	0	0	210,076
	14	Other employee salaries and wages				
	15	Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a	Legal fees (attach schedule)	1,871	0	0	1,871
	b	Accounting fees (attach schedule)	37,583	0	0	37,583
	c	Other professional fees (attach schedule)	225,415	0	0	208,390
	17	Interest				
	18	Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	9,117	0	0	9,117
	19	Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion	3,386	0	3,386	
	20	Occupancy				
	21	Travel, conferences, and meetings	2,680	0	0	2,680
	22	Printing and publications				
	23	Other expenses (attach schedule)	66,262	1,151	0	65,110
	24	**Total operating and administrative expenses.** Add lines 13 through 23	560,809	1,151	3,386	534,827
	25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	4,387,678			4,387,678
	26	**Total expenses and disbursements.** Add lines 24 and 25	4,948,487	1,151	3,386	4,922,505
	27	Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
	a	**Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements**	-67,476			
	b	**Net investment income** (if negative, enter -0-)		0		
	c	**Adjusted net income** (if negative, enter -0-)			0	

Part II Balance Sheets Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only. (See instructions.)

		Beginning of year (a) Book Value	End of year (b) Book Value	End of year (c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	645,163	259,591	259,591
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	683,744	434,719	434,719
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ 324,903			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶		324,903	324,903
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments—U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	12 Investments—mortgage loans			
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)			
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ 22,811			
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ 20,872	5,325	1,939	1,939
	15 Other assets (describe ▶)	2	0	0
	16 **Total assets** (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	1,334,234	1,021,152	1,021,152
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	391	21,445	
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)	908,378	641,718	
	23 **Total liabilities**(add lines 17 through 22)	908,769	663,163	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	**Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☑ and complete lines 24, 25, 29 and 30.**			
	24 Net assets without donor restrictions	359,615	333,139	
	25 Net assets with donor restrictions	65,850	24,850	
	Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 26 through 30.			
	26 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	27 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	28 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	29 **Total net assets or fund balances** (see instructions)	425,465	357,989	
	30 **Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances** (see instructions)	1,334,234	1,021,152	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 29 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	425,465
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-67,476
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	357,989
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 29	6	357,989

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

	(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)	(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a				

	(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) **or** Losses (from col.(h))
	(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 / If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }	2	
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	3	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

SECTION 4940(e) REPEALED ON DECEMBER 20, 2019 - DO NOT COMPLETE

1 Reserved

(a) Reserved	(b) Reserved	(c) Reserved	(d) Reserved

2	Reserved	2	
3	Reserved	3	
4	Reserved	4	
5	Reserved	5	
6	Reserved	6	
7	Reserved	7	
8	Reserved	8	

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ▶ ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ **(attach copy of letter if necessary–see instructions)**		
b	Reserved	1	0
c	All other domestic foundations enter 1.39% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	0
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	0
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	0
5	**Tax based on investment income.** Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	0
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2020 estimated tax payments and 2019 overpayment credited to 2020 — 6a: 0		
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source — 6b: 0		
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868) — 6c: 0		
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld — 6d: 0		
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	0
8	Enter any **penalty** for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached.	8	0
9	**Tax due.** If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter **amount owed** ▶	9	0
10	**Overpayment.** If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the **amount overpaid** ▶	10	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: **Credited to 2021 estimated tax** ▶ **Refunded** ▶	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

			Yes	No
1a	During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	1a		No
b	Did it spend more than $100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? (see Instructions for definition)	1b		No
	*If the answer is "Yes" to **1a** or **1b**, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.*			
c	Did the foundation file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	1c		No
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: **(1)** On the foundation. ▶ $ 0 **(2)** On foundation managers. ▶ $ 0			
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. ▶ $ 0			
2	Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? *If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.*	2		No
3	Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? *If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes*	3		No
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?	4b		
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? *If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.*	5		No
6	Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	6	Yes	
7	Did the foundation have at least $5,000 in assets at any time during the year? *If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV.*	7	Yes	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ▶ GA			
b	If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? *If "No," attach explanation*	8b	Yes	
9	Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2020 or the taxable year beginning in 2020? See the instructions for Part XIV. If "Yes," complete Part XIV	9	Yes	
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? *If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.*	10		No

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule. See instructions.	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement. See instructions	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	Yes	

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15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of **Form 1041** —check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ▶ 15

16	At any time during calendar year 2020, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16		No

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country ▶

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):			
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?		☐ Yes ☑ No	
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?		☐ Yes ☑ No	
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?		☐ Yes ☑ No	
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?		☐ Yes ☑ No	
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?		☐ Yes ☑ No	
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (**Exception.** Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)		☐ Yes ☑ No	
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did **any** of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions	1b		
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶ ☐			
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2020?	1c		No
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):			
a	At the end of tax year 2020, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2020?		☐ Yes ☑ No	
	If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is **not** applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to **all** years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions.)	2b		
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to **any** of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?		☐ Yes ☑ No	
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2020 as a result of **(1)** any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; **(2)** the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or **(3)** the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? *(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2020.)*	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2020?	4b		No

Part VII-B **Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required** *(continued)*

			Yes	No
5a	During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:			
	(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
	(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
	(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
	(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions ☐ Yes ☑ No			
	(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did **any** of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions	5b		
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶ ☐			
c	If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
	If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).			
6a	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
b	Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	6b		No
	If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.			
7a	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
b	If "Yes", did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	7b		
8	Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than $1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment during the year? ☐ Yes ☑ No			

Part VIII **Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation. See instructions

(a) Name and address	**(b)** Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	**(c)** Compensation **(If not paid, enter -0-)**	**(d)** Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	**(e)** Expense account, other allowances
ANTHONY AQUIRRE PO BOX 3655 DECATUR, GA 30031	ASSOCIATE SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR 5.00	105,413	0	0
KAVITA RAJANNA PO BOX 3655 DECATUR, GA 30031	MANAGING DIRECTOR 40.00	113,530	0	0
M AMANDA HIGH PO BOX 3655 DECATUR, GA 30031	TREASURER 1.00	0	0	0
A SARAH HREHA PO BOX 3655 DECATUR, GA 30031	PRESIDENT 1.00	0	0	0

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than $50,000	**(b)** Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	**(c)** Compensation	**(d)** Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	**(e)** Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over $50,000 ▶ 0

Part VIII **Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)***

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE".

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than $50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
ZEEYA MERALI 37 CASTLETON AVENUE WEMBLEY, MIDDLESEX H49 7QL UK	EDITORIAL CONSULTANT	131,708

Total number of others receiving over $50,000 for professional services. ▶ 0

Part IX-A **Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 CONTEST PRIZES AWARDED THROUGH FQXI'S ESSAY CONTEST PROGRAM AND THE COMMUNITY SITE HAVE ALLOWED THE INSTITUTE TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF KNOWN AND FUTURE DISCOVERIES IN THESE AREAS AND THEIR POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR WORLD VIEW. WINNING ENTRIES FROM FQXI'S CONTEST CAN BE FOUND ONLINE, FQXI.ORG/COMMUNITY.ESSAY.	143,888
2 SCIENTIFIC CONSULTANTS AND SUBCONTRACTORS - FQXI'S TEAM OF CONSULTANTS HELP RUN THE SCIENCE PROGRAMMING FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND PROVIDES EDITORIAL AND TECHNICAL OVERSIGHT FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE, IN PARTICULAR THE COMMUNITY SITE, FQXI.ORG/COMMUNITY.	2,650,005
3 FQXI'S GRANT PROGRAM HELPS TO REDRESS INCREMENTALISM IN RESEARCH PROGRAMMING BY ESTABLISHING OR EXPANDING NEW "ISLANDS" OF UNDERSTANDING VIA FLEXIBLE FUNDING OF HIGH-RISK, HIGH REWARD RESEARCH IN THESE AREAS. THESE GRANT AND CONTEST PROGRAMS ARE ABLE TO EXPAND THE PURVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY TO INCLUDE SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES FUNDAMENTAL TO A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF REALITY, BUT WHICH ARE CURRENTLY LARGELY UNSUPPORTED BY CONVENTIONAL GRANT SOURCES.	2,109,050
4	

Part IX-B **Summary of Program-Related Investments** (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions. **3**	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶	0

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	3,896,070
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	0
d	**Total** (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	3,896,070
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation) — 1e: 0		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	3,896,070
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	58,441
5	**Net value of noncharitable-use assets.** Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	3,837,629
6	**Minimum investment return.** Enter 5% of line 5	6	191,881

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ▶ ☑ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6			1	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2020 from Part VI, line 5	2a			
b	Income tax for 2020. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b			
c	Add lines 2a and 2b			2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1			3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions			4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4			5	
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)			6	
7	**Distributable amount** as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1			7	

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	4,922,505
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B	1b	0
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	**Qualifying distributions.** Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	4,922,505
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b. See instructions	5	0
6	**Adjusted qualifying distributions.** Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	4,922,505

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2019	(c) 2019	(d) 2020
1 Distributable amount for 2020 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2020:				
a Enter amount for 2019 only.				
b Total for prior years: 20___ , 20___ , 20___				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2020:				
a From 2015.				
b From 2016.				
c From 2017.				
d From 2018.				
e From 2019.				
f **Total** of lines 3a through e.				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2020 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ $ _____				
a Applied to 2019, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).				
d Applied to 2020 distributable amount.				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2020. *(If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)*				
6 **Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:**				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed.				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount —see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2019. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2021. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2020				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2015 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions) . . .				
9 **Excess distributions carryover to 2021.** Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2016. . . .				
b Excess from 2017. . . .				
c Excess from 2018. . . .				
d Excess from 2019. . . .				
e Excess from 2020. . . .				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2020, enter the date of the ruling. . . . . ▶ 2018-06-14

b Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section ☑ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2020	(b) 2019	(c) 2018	(d) 2017	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	0	0	0	0	0
b 85% of line 2a	0	0	0	0	0
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed	4,922,505	5,187,361	2,411,506	304,562	12,825,934
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities	0	0	0	0	0
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	4,922,505	5,187,361	2,411,506	304,562	12,825,934
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test—enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					0
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					0
b "Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed	127,921	213,157	245,071	64,449	650,598
c "Support" alternative test—enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					0
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					0
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					0
(4) Gross investment income					0

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had $5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than $5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ▶ ☐ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d. See instructions

a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

MANAGING DIRECTOR
PO BOX 3655
DECATUR, GA 30031
(404) 343-3064
MAIL@FQXI.ORG

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:

RFPS ARE SUBMITTED TO FQXI FOR CONSIDERATION SEE: WWW.FQXI.ORG/GRANTS/LARGE/INTRO

c Any submission deadlines:

VARIES - SEE WEBSITE

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

TO BE UTILIZED AS PER RFP IF ACCEPTED

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a *Paid during the year*				
See Additional Data Table				
Total . . . . . ▶ **3a**				4,387,678
b *Approved for future payment*				
Total . . . . . ▶ **3b**				0

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions.)
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue:					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	616	
4 Dividends and interest from securities					
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
9 Net income or (loss) from special events:					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue: a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)		0		616	0
13 **Total.** Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e). (See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)				**13**	616

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Line No. ▼	Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes). (See instructions.)

Part XVII **Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations**

		Yes	No
1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501 (c) (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?			
a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:			
(1) Cash	1a(1)		No
(2) Other assets	1a(2)		No
b Other transactions:			
(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(1)		No
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(2)		No
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets	1b(3)		No
(4) Reimbursement arrangements	1b(4)		No
(5) Loans or loan guarantees	1b(5)		No
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations	1b(6)		No
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees	1c		No

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column **(b)** should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column **(d)** the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.

(a) Line No.	**(b)** Amount involved	**(c)** Name of noncharitable exempt organization	**(d)** Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☑ No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule.

(a) Name of organization	**(b)** Type of organization	**(c)** Description of relationship

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

******	2021-10-29	******
Signature of officer or trustee	Date	Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instr.) ☑ Yes ☐ No

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's Signature	Date	Check if self-employed ▶ ☐	PTIN
JENNIFER SOLOT				P00749373
Firm's name ▶ BBD LLP				Firm's EIN ▶23-2896692
Firm's address ▶ 1835 MARKET STREET 3RD FLOOR PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103				Phone no. (215) 567-7770

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a *Paid during the year*				
FRIENDS OF LANCASTER UNIVERSITY IN AMERICA INC 1000 N WEST STREET SUITE 1200 WILMINGTON, DE 19801		PC	TO SUPPORT RESEARCH IN THE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS	65,000
SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2440 WEST EL CAMINO REAL SUITE 300 MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040		PC	GRANTS FOR PHYSICS AND COSMOLOGY PROGRAMS THROUGH A DONOR ADVISED FUND	4,322,678
Total . . . . . ▶ **3a**				4,387,678

TY 2020 Accounting Fees Schedule

Name: FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS INSTITUTE

EIN: 27-0632031

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ACCOUNTING FEES	37,583	0	0	37,583

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TY 2020 Depreciation Schedule

Name: FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS INSTITUTE

EIN: 27-0632031

Depreciation Schedule

Description of Property	Date Acquired	Cost or Other Basis	Prior Years' Depreciation	Computation Method	Rate / Life (# of years)	Current Year's Depreciation Expense	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Cost of Goods Sold Not Included
COMPUTERS	2012-06-30	2,860	2,623	SL	5.000000000000	237	0	237	
COMPUTERS	2013-06-30	4,242	3,747	SL	5.000000000000	495	0	495	
COMPUTERS	2014-06-30	4,072	3,481	SL	5.000000000000	591	0	591	
COMPUTERS	2016-06-30	3,250	2,864	SL	5.000000000000	386	0	386	
COMPUTERS	2017-10-14	3,800	2,569	SL	5.000000000000	760	0	760	
COMPUTERS	2018-08-29	4,587	2,202	SL	5.000000000000	917	0	917	

TY 2020 Land, Etc. Schedule

Name: FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS INSTITUTE

EIN: 27-0632031

Category / Item	Cost / Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
COMPUTERS	2,860	2,860	0	0
COMPUTERS	4,242	4,242	0	0
COMPUTERS	4,072	4,072	0	0
COMPUTERS	3,250	3,250	0	0
COMPUTERS	3,800	3,329	471	471
COMPUTERS	4,587	3,119	1,468	1,468

TY 2020 Legal Fees Schedule

Name: FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS INSTITUTE

EIN: 27-0632031

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
LEGAL FEES	1,871	0	0	1,871

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TY 2020 Other Assets Schedule

Name: FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS INSTITUTE

EIN: 27-0632031

Other Assets Schedule

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
OTHER ASSETS	2		

TY 2020 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS INSTITUTE

EIN: 27-0632031

Other Expenses Schedule

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ADVERTISING	845	0	0	844
OFFICE EXPENSES	6,561	0	0	6,561
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	2,239	0	0	2,239
FEES	4,617	1,151	0	3,466
JURY & REVIEWER EXPENSES	11,000	0	0	11,000
ESSAY CONTEST PRIZES	41,000	0	0	41,000

TY 2020 Other Liabilities Schedule

Name: FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS INSTITUTE

EIN: 27-0632031

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value
OTHER LIABILITIES	36,531	0
REFUNDABLE ADVANCES	871,847	641,718

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TY 2020 Other Professional Fees Schedule

Name: FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS INSTITUTE

EIN: 27-0632031

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
OTHER CONSULTANTS	225,415	0	0	208,390

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TY 2020 Taxes Schedule

Name: FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS INSTITUTE

EIN: 27-0632031

Taxes Schedule

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
PAYROLL TAXES	9,117	0	0	9,117

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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Name of the organization
FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS INSTITUTE

Employer identification number
27-0632031

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:	Section:
Form 990 or 990-EZ	☐ 501(c)( ) (enter number) organization
	☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
	☐ 527 political organization
Form 990-PF	☑ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
	☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
	☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule.**
Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

☑ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling $5,000 or more (in money or other property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** $5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than $1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than $1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling $5,000 or more during the year . . . . . ▶ $ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization
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Employer identification number
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Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

Contributors

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	JOHN TEMPLETON FOUNDATION 300 CONSHOHOCKEN STATE ROAD SUITE 5 WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428	$ 143,888	☑ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	TEMPLETON WORLD CHARITY FOUNDATION PO BOX 2-7776 LYFORD CAY NASSAU, BF	$ 2,623,858	☑ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	JOHN E FETZER MEMORIAL FUND PO BOX 117 VICKSBURG, MI 49097	$ 2,109,050	☑ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		$	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		$	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Part II **Noncash Property**

(see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		$	

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Part III ***Exclusively*** **religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than $1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of $1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.)** ▶ $ _____

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee