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Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ **Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990* for instructions and the latest information.**

OMB No. 1545-0047

2019

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 09-01-2019 , and ending 08-31-2020

B Check if applicable:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Final return/terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
Mercatus Center Inc

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
3434 Washington Blvd 4th Floor

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Arlington, VA 222014508

D Employer identification number
54-1436224

E Telephone number
(703) 993-4930

G Gross receipts $ 78,478,451

F Name and address of principal officer:
Gary Leff
3434 Washington Blvd 4th Floor
Arlington, V A 222014508

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☑ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status: ☑ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ www.mercatus.org

K Form of organization: ☑ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation: 1987

M State of legal domicile: VA

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
To bridge the gap between academic research and public policy problems.

2 Check this box ▶ ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	**3**	8
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	**4**	6
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	**5**	224
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	**6**	0
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	**7a**	0
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	**7b**	0

		Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	30,278,963	71,316,366
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	153,479	117,360
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	182,238	168,711
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	180,468	299,942
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	30,795,148	71,902,379
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	209,814	25,861,478
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	17,147,165	18,500,239
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶1,742,134		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	13,044,965	13,515,110
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	30,401,944	57,876,827
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	393,204	14,025,552

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	22,931,599	43,397,524
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	3,772,502	10,114,117
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	19,159,097	33,283,407

Part II Signature Block

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 officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

▶ Signature of officer — Date: 2021-02-08

▶ Gary Leff Treasurer and CFO
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
		2021-02-08		P00639819

Firm's name ▶ Rogers & Company PLLC — Firm's EIN ▶ 58-2676261

Firm's address ▶ 8300 Boone Boulevard Suite 600
Vienna, VA 22182 — Phone no. (703) 893-0300

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☑ Yes ☐ No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III . . . . . ☑

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The Center educates students and is an organization that uses sound interdisciplinary research and application in the humane sciences that integrates theory and practice to develop insights and tools that can sustainably advance a free, prosperous, and civil society.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses $ 34,287,187 including grants of $ 25,837,671) (Revenue $ 1,077)

University Research & Teaching - Supports academic research and faculty activities at George Mason University and elsewhere to advance and apply a research agenda for understanding institutions and change or broadly advance a free and prosperous society.

4b (Code:) (Expenses $ 8,788,781 including grants of $ 1,000) (Revenue $ 5,449)

Policy Research- Conduct economic research of consequence that makes sense of public policy problems and puts forward solutions that maximize individual freedom and prosperity.

4c (Code:) (Expenses $ 5,493,211 including grants of $ 22,807) (Revenue $ 110,834)

Student Programs - Support Graduate Students at George Mason University, training future scholars and decision-makers to advance and apply a research agenda for understanding institutions and change.

(Code:) (Expenses $ 3,047,877 including grants of $) (Revenue $)

Communications - Improves the effectiveness of Mercatus outreach efforts, raises its public profile, and promotes its research and ideas to media and opinion shapers.

(Code:) (Expenses $ 1,874,144 including grants of $) (Revenue $)

Outreach - Brings education in economic ideas to key decision-makers in the public policy process.

(Code:) (Expenses $ 1,479,451 including grants of $) (Revenue $)

Public Affairs - Seeks to inform alumni, faculty, and supporters about the efforts of the Center and build communication that develops a network of individuals interested in liberty.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses $ 6,401,472 including grants of $) (Revenue $)

4e **Total program service expenses** ▶ 54,970,651

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

			Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A*	1	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)?	2	Yes	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I*	3		No
4	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II*	4		No
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III*	5		No
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D,* Part I	6		No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II*	7		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D,* Part III	8		No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV*	9		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10		No
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.			
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D,* Part VI.	11a	Yes	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII*	11b		No
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII*	11c		No
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX*	11d		No
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11e	Yes	
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11f	Yes	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII*	12a	Yes	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional*	12b		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	13		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at $100,000 or more? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV*	14b	Yes	
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV*	15	Yes	
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV*	16		No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I* (see instructions)	17		No
18	Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II*	18		No
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	20a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b		
21	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	21	Yes	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

			Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a*	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	**Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L,* Part I	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L,* Part I	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II*	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L,* Part III	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28a		No
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28b		No
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1*	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	35b		
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	356		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c		Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance *(continued)*

2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	**2a**	224		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? **Note.** If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			**2b**	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?			**3a**	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O*			**3b**	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?			**4a**	No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?			**5a**	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			**5b**	No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?			**5c**	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?			**6a**	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			**6b**	
7	**Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).**				
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			**7a**	Yes
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			**7b**	Yes
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			**7c**	No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	**7d**			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			**7e**	No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			**7f**	No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			**7g**	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			**7h**	
8	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.** Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			**8**	
9	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**				
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			**9a**	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			**9b**	
10	**Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter:				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	**10a**			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	**10b**			
11	**Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter:				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	**11a**			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	**11b**			
12a	**Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			**12a**	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	**12b**			
13	**Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.**				
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? **Note.** See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			**13a**	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	**13b**			
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	**13c**			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?			**14a**	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O*			**14b**	
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than $1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?			**15**	No
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.			**16**	No

Part VI **Governance, Management, and Disclosure** *For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.*

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI . . . . . ☑

Section A. Governing Body and Management

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	**1a**	8		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	**1b**	6		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		**2**		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		**3**		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		**4**		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		**5**		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		**6**		No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		**7a**		No
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		**7b**		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a	The governing body?		**8a**	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		**8b**	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? *If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O*		**9**		No

Section B. Policies (*This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.*)

			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	**10a**		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	**10b**		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	**11a**		No
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If "No," go to line 13*	**12a**	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	**12b**	Yes	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done*	**12c**	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	**13**	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	**14**	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	**15a**	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	**15b**	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	**16a**		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	**16b**		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ AL, AR, CA, FL, HI, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OK, OR, RI, SC, UT, VA, WV

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☑ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ▶ The Center 3434 Washington Blvd 4th Floor Arlington, VA 222014508 (703) 993-4930

Part VII **Compensation of Officers, Directors,Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII . . . . . ☐

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than $10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Tyler Cowen Chairman	1.00	X		X				43,522	0	0
(2) Richard H Fink Director	1.00	X						0	0	0
(3) Vernon Smith Director	1.00	X						0	0	0
(4) Brian Hooks Director	1.00	X						0	0	0
(5) Emily Chamlee-Wright Director	1.00	X						0	0	0
(6) Edwin Meese Director	1.00	X						0	0	0
(7) Manuel H Johnson Director	1.00	X						0	0	0
(8) Donald Boudreaux Director	1.00	X						89,150	0	0
(9) Daniel Rothschild Executive Director	40.00			X				370,000	0	19,778
(10) Jennifer Zambone Secretary and VP of Operations	40.00			X				235,000	0	7,152
(11) Gary Leff Treasurer and CFO	30.00			X				151,875	0	12,525
(12) Veronique De Rugy Sr Research Fellow	40.00					X		295,000	0	6,441
(13) Charles Blahous Sr Research Strategist	40.00					X		225,000	0	7,585
(14) Eileen Norcross Policy Research - Vice President	40.00					X		250,000	0	7,674
(15) Patrick McLaughlin Sr Research Fellow	40.00					X		230,000	0	6,441
(16) Karen Czarnecki Outreach - Vice President	40.00					X		225,000	0	8,320

Part VII **Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees** *(continued)*

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
1b Sub-Total . . . . . ▶										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A . . . . ▶										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) . . . . . ▶								2,114,547	0	75,916

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 5 2

			Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	**3**		No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than $150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	**4**	Yes	
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*	**5**		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy Fairfax, VA 22033	Hotel/Catering/Audio/Visual	246,963
Morgan Meredith & Associates 22780 Indian Creek Drive Dulles, VA 20166	Shipping/Postage	224,245
Renaissance Arlington Capital View 2800 South Potomac Avenue Arlington, VA 22202	Hotel/Catering/Audio/Visual	165,184
Tilapia Film 1188 Court Street 28 Elko, NV 89801	Production & Film	144,250

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ 4

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII . . . . . ☐

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	71,316,366			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f: $	1g	5,732,942			
	h **Total.** Add lines 1a-1f		71,316,366			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
	2a Educational programs	611710	117,360	117,360		
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue.					
	g **Total.** Add lines 2a–2f		117,360			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and similar amounts)		107,028			107,028
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	6a Gross rents	6a 273,127				
	b Less: rental expenses	6b 0				
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c 273,127				
	d Net rental income or (loss)			273,127		273,127
		(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a 6,637,755				
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b 6,550,104	25,968			
	c Gain or (loss)	7c 87,651	-25,968			
	d Net gain or (loss)			61,683		61,683
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a				
	b Less: direct expenses	8b				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a				
	b Less: direct expenses	9b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					

10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . .	**10a**					
b Less: cost of goods sold . .	**10b**					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶						
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a Other revenue	900099	26,815				26,815
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a–11d . . . . . ▶		26,815				
12 Total revenue. See instructions . . . . . ▶		71,902,379	117,360	0		468,653

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX . . . . . ☑

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	23,070,704	23,070,704		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	42,526	42,526		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	2,748,248	2,748,248		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	963,985	192,797	385,594	385,594
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	15,222,577	14,241,925	399,509	581,143
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	1,191,290	1,082,508	45,574	63,208
10 Payroll taxes	1,122,387	1,004,469	48,936	68,982
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	85,880	75,344	4,123	6,413
c Accounting	11,905		11,905	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	11,356		11,356	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	7,939,215	7,760,657	31,342	147,216
12 Advertising and promotion	149,297	134,569	151	14,577
13 Office expenses	1,154,768	819,460	21,790	313,518
14 Information technology	644,708	541,963	78,270	24,475
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,425,316	1,285,635	55,587	84,094
17 Travel	1,217,933	1,196,923	15,535	5,475
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	448,250	437,114	9,380	1,756
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	314,836	283,982	12,279	18,575
23 Insurance	31,323		31,323	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Memberships	31,109	31,005	42	62
b List rental	27,019	1,253		25,766
c Property taxes	21,695	19,569	846	1,280
d Bad debt	500		500	
e All other expenses				
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e	57,876,827	54,970,651	1,164,042	1,742,134
26 **Joint costs.** Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ▶ ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX . . . . . ☐

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash–non-interest-bearing		207,580	1	7,889,096
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		18,308,175	2	31,168,786
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		1,815,000	3	1,360,000
	4	Accounts receivable, net		5,632	4	20,214
	5	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)			6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		369,911	9	308,176
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 2,593,984			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 1,911,787	741,554	10c	682,197
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		1,483,747	11	1,650,804
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11			13	
	14	Intangible assets			14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		0	15	318,251
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		22,931,599	16	43,397,524
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		1,018,703	17	7,154,317
	18	Grants payable		2,380,015	18	2,721,482
	19	Deferred revenue			19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		373,784	25	238,318
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25		3,772,502	26	10,114,117
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☑ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.**				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions		16,490,502	27	19,442,822
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions		2,668,595	28	13,840,585
		Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			31	
	32	Total net assets or fund balances		19,159,097	32	33,283,407
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		22,931,599	33	43,397,524

Part XI Reconcilliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI . . . . . ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	**1**	71,902,379
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	**2**	57,876,827
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	**3**	14,025,552
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . .	**4**	19,159,097
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	**5**	98,758
6	Donated services and use of facilities	**6**	
7	Investment expenses	**7**	
8	Prior period adjustments	**8**	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	**9**	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column	**10**	33,283,407

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII . . . . . ☑

			Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☑ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	**2a**		No
	If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	**2b**	Yes	
	If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☑ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	**2c**	Yes	
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.			
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	**3a**		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.	**3b**		

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SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

▶ **Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990* for instructions and the latest information.**

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2019

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
Mercatus Center Inc

Employer identification number
54-1436224

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 ☑ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)

9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:

10 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**

12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.

a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.

f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . . _____

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document? Yes	(iv) No	(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
Total						

Part II **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . .	27,425,836	29,211,150	28,250,570	30,278,963	71,316,366	186,482,885
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
4 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3	27,425,836	29,211,150	28,250,570	30,278,963	71,316,366	186,482,885
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f). .						55,253,044
6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4.						131,229,841

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4. .	27,425,836	29,211,150	28,250,570	30,278,963	71,316,366	186,482,885
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . .	12,141	58,887	121,308	367,427	380,155	939,918
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. .						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.). .						
11 **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10						187,422,803

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 1,029,806

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** . . . . . ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2019 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . . 14 70.020 %

15 Public support percentage for 2018 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . . 15 59.900 %

16a **33 1/3% support test—2019.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ☑

b **33 1/3% support test—2018.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ☐

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2019.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ☐

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2018.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ☐

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . . ☐

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . .						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
c Add lines 7a and 7b. .						
8 **Public support.** (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6. . .						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . .						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
c Add lines 10a and 10b.						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . .						
13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.). .						

14 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**. . . . . ▶☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2019 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16	Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for **2019** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18	Investment income percentage from **2018** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a **33 1/3% support tests—2019.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ▶☐

b **33 1/3% support tests—2018.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . ▶☐

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . . . ▶☐

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? *If "No," describe in* ***Part VI*** *how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.*	1		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? *If "Yes," explain in* ***Part VI*** *how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).*	2		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? *If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.*	3a		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? *If "Yes," describe in* ***Part VI*** *when and how the organization made the determination.*	3b		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? *If "Yes," explain in* ***Part VI*** *what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.*	3c		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? *If "Yes" and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.*	4a		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? *If "Yes," describe in* ***Part VI*** *how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.*	4b		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? *If "Yes," explain in* ***Part VI*** *what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.*	4c		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? *If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in* ***Part VI,*** *including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).*	5a		
b	**Type I or Type II only.** Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b		
c	**Substitutions only.** Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? *If "Yes," provide detail in* ***Part VI.***	6		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? *If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) .*	7		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? *If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).*	8		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? *If "Yes," provide detail in* ***Part VI.***	9a		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? *If "Yes," provide detail in* ***Part VI.***	9b		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? *If "Yes," provide detail in* ***Part VI.***	9c		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? *If "Yes," answer line 10b below.*	10a		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? *(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).*	10b		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

			Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?			
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	**11a**		
b	A family member of a person described in (a) above?	**11b**		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? *If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in* ***Part VI****.*	**11c**		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? *If "No," describe in* ***Part VI*** *how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.*	**1**		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? *If "Yes," explain in* ***Part VI*** *how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.*	**2**		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? *If "No," describe in* ***Part VI*** *how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).*	**1**		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?	**1**		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? *If "No," explain in* ***Part VI*** *how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).*	**2**		
3	By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? *If "Yes," describe in* ***Part VI*** *the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.*	**3**		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year **(see instructions)**:

- **a** ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
- **b** ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
- **c** ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

2 Activities Test. **Answer (a) and (b) below.**

			Yes	No
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? *If "Yes," then in* ***Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain*** *how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.*	**2a**		
b	Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? *If "Yes," explain in* ***Part VI*** *the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.*	**2b**		

3 Parent of Supported Organizations. **Answer (a) and (b) below.**

a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? *Provide details in* ***Part VI.***	**3a**		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in* ***Part VI.*** *the role played by the organization in this regard.*	**3b**		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

			(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1		
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4		
5	Depreciation and depletion	5		
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8	**Adjusted Net Income** (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8		

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

			(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):	1		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d	**Total** (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e	**Discount** claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):			
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2		
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3		
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4		
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6		
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8	**Minimum Asset Amount** (add line 7 to line 6)	8		

Section C - Distributable Amount

			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	**Distributable Amount.** Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	

7 ☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

Part V **Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations** (continued)

Section D - Distributions	**Current Year**
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in **Part VI**). See instructions	
7 **Total annual distributions.** Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in **Part VI**). See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2019 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	**(i) Excess Distributions**	**(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2019**	**(iii) Distributable Amount for 2019**
1 Distributable amount for 2019 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2019 (reasonable cause required-- explain in **Part VI**). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2019:			
a From 2014.			
b From 2015.			
c From 2016.			
d From 2017.			
e From 2018.			
f **Total** of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2014 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2019 from Section D, line 7: $			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2019, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in **Part VI**. See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2019. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in **Part VI**. See instructions.			
7 **Excess distributions carryover to 2020.** Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2015.			
b Excess from 2016.			
c Excess from 2017.			
d Excess from 2018.			
e Excess from 2019.			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

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Schedule B
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Schedule of Contributors

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Name of the organization
Mercatus Center Inc

Employer identification number
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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).

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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
RESTRICTED		$ RESTRICTED	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		$	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		$	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		$	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		$	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		$	☐ 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
		$	

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		$	

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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	

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

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Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

		(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year		
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4	Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)
☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

		Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ $ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ $ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ $ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ $ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ $ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets *(continued)*

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- **a** ☐ Public exhibition
- **b** ☐ Scholarly research
- **c** ☐ Preservation for future generations
- **d** ☐ Loan or exchange programs
- **e** ☐ Other .....

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?. . . ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? . . . . . ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

		Amount
c Beginning balance	**1c**	
d Additions during the year	**1d**	
e Distributions during the year	**1e**	
f Ending balance	**1f**	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? . . . ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII . . . . ☐

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions . . .					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships . . .					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . .					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- **a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ .....
- **b** Permanent endowment ▶ .....
- **c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ .....

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations . . . . . **3a(i)**		
(ii) related organizations . . . . . **3a(ii)**		
b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? **3b**		

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		625,194	280,204	344,990
d Equipment		1,968,790	1,631,583	337,207
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* . . ▶				682,197

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b.See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3)Other		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)* ▶		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.)* ▶		

Part IX Other Assets.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)* ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f.
See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)* ▶	238,318

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☑

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements			1	73,210,841
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:				
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	98,758		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	1,221,060		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	1,319,818
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	71,891,023
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line **1**:				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	11,356		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b			
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	11,356
5	Total revenue. Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)			5	71,902,379

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	59,086,531
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:				
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	1,221,060		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b			
c	Other losses	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	1,221,060
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	57,865,471
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line **1:**				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	11,356		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b			
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	11,356
5	Total expenses. Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)			5	57,876,827

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part X, Line 2:	Management has evaluated the Center's tax positions and concluded that the Center did not have any significant uncertain tax positions at August 31, 2020 and 2019.

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SCHEDULE F (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990* for instructions and the latest information.**

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Name of the organization
Mercatus Center Inc

Employer identification number
54-1436224

Part I **General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 **For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . . . ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No**

2 **For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activites per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	**(b)** Number of offices in the region	**(c)** Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	**(d)** Activities conducted in region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	**(e)** If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	**(f)** Total expenditures for and investments in the region
(1) East Asia and the Pacific	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	1,050,000
(2) Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	948,070
(3) North America	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	100,000
(4) Russia and Neighboring States	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	178
(5) South America	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	400,000
(6) Sub-Saharan Africa	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	250,000
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
3a Sub-total	0	0			2,748,248
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0
c **Totals** (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			2,748,248

Part II **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than $5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)			East Asia and the Pacific	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants	700,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(2)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants	25,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(3)			South America	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants	400,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(4)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants	200,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(5)			East Asia and the Pacific	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants	200,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(6)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants	200,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(7)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants	100,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(8)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants	100,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(9)			Sub-Saharan Africa	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants	250,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(10)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants	200,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(11)			East Asia and the Pacific	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants	150,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(12)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants	100,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(13)			North America	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants	100,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(14)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Student development/education grants	22,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(15)									
(16)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter . . . . . ▶ 0

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities . . . . . ▶ 14

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

	(a) Type of grant or assistance	**(b)** Region	**(c)** Number of recipients	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Manner of cash disbursement	**(f)** Amount of noncash assistance	**(g)** Description of noncash assistance	**(h)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)								
(2)								
(3)								
(4)								
(5)								
(6)								
(7)								
(8)								
(9)								
(10)								
(11)								
(12)								
(13)								
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(15)								
(16)								
(17)								
(18)								

Part IV Foreign Forms

1	Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)*	☐ Yes	☑ No
2	Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; don't file with Form 990)*	☐ Yes	☑ No
3	Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471)*	☐ Yes	☑ No
4	Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621)* .	☐ Yes	☑ No
5	Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)*	☐ Yes	☑ No
6	Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; don't file with Form 990).*	☐ Yes	☑ No

Part V **Supplemental Information**

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.

ReturnReference	Explanation
Part I, Line 2:	Faculty awards are given to those Center faculty members who actively engage in original research. In addition, grants were made to support research at other universities that advance the mission of the center and for promising projects to meaningfully improving society through the Emergent Ventures program. Research projects are expected to result in scholarly journal articles, book manuscripts, monographs, or other quality products.
Part I, line 3:	Foreign expenses are directly tracked and accounted for on the accrual method of accounting used for books.
Part III Accounting Method:	

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Schedule I (Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Department of the Treasury
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Name of the organization
Mercatus Center Inc

Employer identification number
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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . . . ☑ Yes ☐ No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than $5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Addgene Inc 490 Arsenal Way Suite 100 Watertown,MA 02472	90-0133592	501(c)(3)	200,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(2) Arizona State University PO Box 2260 Tempe,AZ 852802260	86-6051042	501(c)(3)	200,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(3) Boston Children's Hospital 300 Longwood Avenue Boston,MA 02115	04-2774441	501(c)(3)	700,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(4) Boston University 881 Commonwealth Avenue Boston,MA 02215	04-2103547	501(c)(3)	500,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(5) Brigham and Women's Hospital 75 Francis Street Boston,MA 02115	04-2312909	501(c)(3)	300,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(6) Brown University Controllers Office - Box J Providence,RI 02912	05-0258809	501(c)(3)	300,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(7) California Institute of Technology 1200 East California Blvd MC 234-6 Pasadena,CA 91125	95-1643307	501(c)(3)	150,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(8) Center for Open Science Inc 210 Ridge McIntire Road Suite 500 Charlottesville,VA 22903	46-1496217	501(c)(3)	15,132	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(9) Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory 1 Bungtown Road PO Box 100 Cold Spring Harbor,NY 11724	11-2013303	501(c)(3)	500,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(10) Columbia University in the City of New York 615 West 131st Street 3rd Fl New York,NY 10027	13-5598093	501(c)(3)	450,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(11) Cornell University 1300 York Avenue Box 314 New York,NY 10065	15-0532082	501(c)(3)	310,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(12) Covid Watch 433 S Stratford Dr Tucson,AZ 85716	84-5155710	501(c)(3)	150,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(13) Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Inc 450 Brookline Avenue BP418 Boston,MA 02215	04-2253040	501(c)(3)	200,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(14) Development Data Lab 1807 California St NW Apt 106 Washington,D C 20009	83-4603622	501(c)(3)	200,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(15) Duke University PO Box 104132 Durham,NC 27708	56-0532129	501(c)(3)	100,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(16) Emory University 201 Dowman Dr Atlanta,GA 30322	58-0566256	501(c)(3)	550,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(17) Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center 1100 Fairview Avenue North Seattle,WA 98109	23-7156071	501(c)(3)	100,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(18) George Mason University 4400 University Drive MSN 1A3 Fairfax,VA 220304444	54-0836354	501(c)(3)	17,772	0	N/A	N/A	General Support- See Part IV
(19) George Mason University Foundation 4400 University Drive MSN 1A3 Fairfax,V A 220304444	54-1603842	501(c)(3)	80,000	0	N/A	N/A	General Support- See Part IV
(20) Archbridge Institute 810 7th St NE Washington,D C 20002	47-4252296	501(c)(3)	50,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(21) Heart Hope for Kids Inc 77 Bessemer Ln Ithaca,NY 14850	84-2805853	501(c)(3)	100,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(22) Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai 1 Gustave L Levy Place New York,NY 10029	13-6171197	501(c)(3)	800,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(23) J David Gladstone Institute at UCSF 1650 Owens Street San Francisco,C A 94158	23-7203666	501(c)(3)	100,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(24) La Jolla Institute for Immunology 9420 Athena Cir La Jolla,CA 92037	33-0328688	501(c)(3)	100,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(25) Lankenau Institute for Medical Research 100 Lancaster Ave Wynnewood,P A 19096	23-2175659	501(c)(3)	50,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(26) Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center 433 Bolivar Street New Orleans,LA 70112	72-6087770	501(c)(3)	300,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(27) Massachusetts General Hospital 55 Fruit Street Boston,MA 02114	04-2697983	501(c)(3)	368,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(28) Massachusetts Institute of Technology 77 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge,M A 02139	04-2103594	501(c)(3)	300,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(29) Michigan State University 360 Administration Building East Lansing,MI 488241046	38-6005984	501(c)(3)	50,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(30) Ohio University Athens 010 Chubb Hall PO Box 960 Athens,OH 45701	31-6402113	501(c)(3)	100,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(31) Princeton University 701 Carnegie Center Princeton,NJ 08540	21-0634501	501(c)(3)	150,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(32) Progressive Learning Inc 3624 Anton Farms Rd Pikesville,MD 21208	85-0821747	N/A	500,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(33) Public Health Institute 555 12th Street 10th Floor Oakland,C A 946074046	94-1646278	501(c)(3)	30,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(34) Quantitative Health Group LLC 2630 Kelton ave Los Angeles,C A 90064	84-2650890	N/A	50,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(35) Rockefeller University 1230 York Avenue New York,NY 10065	13-1624158	501(c)(3)	690,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(36) Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute 10901 North Torrey Pines Road La Jolla,C A 92037	51-0197108	501(c)(3)	200,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(37) St John Paul II Preparatory School 1418 S First Capitol Drive St Charles,M O 63303	27-0680639	501(c)(3)	25,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(38) Stanford University 485 Broadway 3rd floor Mail code 8838 Redwood City,C A 94063	94-1156365	501(c)(3)	1,770,800	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(39) Texas Biomedical 8715 W Military Dr San Antonio,T X 78227	74-1109630	501(c)(3)	50,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(40) The Scripps Research Institute 10550 N Torrey Pines Road La Jolla,C A 92037	33-0435954	501(c)(3)	375,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(41) Tufts University 169 Holland Street Attn Tax Dept Somerville,M A 02144	04-2103634	501(c)(3)	250,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(42) Tulane University 6823 St Charles Avenue New Orleans,LA 70118	72-0423889	501(c)(3)	600,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(43) University of California Berkeley 2195 Hearst Ave 120 Berkeley,C A 947201104	94-6002123	501(c)(3)	3,300,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(44) University of California Berkeley Foundation 1995 University Avenue Suite 401 Berkeley,C A 94704	94-6090626	501(c)(3)	300,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(45) University of California Davis One Shields Avenue Davis,C A 95616	94-6036494	501(c)(3)	300,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(46) University of California San Francisco 1855 Folsom Street Suite 425 San Francisco,C A 941430812	94-6036493	501(c)(3)	2,450,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(47) University of California San Francisco Foundation 220 Montgomery Street San Francisco,C A 94104	94-2829914	501(c)(3)	200,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(48) University of California-Irvine 100 Theory Suite 250 Irvine,C A 92617	95-2540117	501(c)(3)	100,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(49) University of California-Los Angeles 10889 Wilshire Boulevard Suite 700 Box 951406 Los Angeles,C A 900951406	95-6006143	501(c)(3)	200,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(50) University of Colorado Foundation 1800 N Grant Street Suite 725 Denver,C O 802031114	84-6049811	501(c)(3)	100,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(51) University of Georgia 310 East Campus Road Athens,GA 30602	58-6001998	501(c)(3)	120,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(52) University of Kansas Center for Research Inc 2385 Irving Hill Road Lawrence,KS 66045	48-0680117	501(c)(3)	75,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(53) University of Maryland Baltimore County 1000 Hilltop Circle Baltimore,MD 21250	52-6002033	501(c)(3)	150,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(54) University of Michigan-Ann Arbor 5082 Wolverine Tower 3003 South State Street Ann Arbor,MI 481091287	38-6006309	501(c)(3)	50,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(55) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 104 Airport Road Suite 2200 Chapel Hill,NC 27599	56-6001393	501(c)(3)	100,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(56) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Public Health Foundation PO Box 899 Chapel Hill,N C 275140899	56-1717285	501(c)(3)	280,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(57) University of Pennsylvania 3451 Walnut Street Franlin Building 5th Floor Philadelphia,PA 19104	23-1352685	501(c)(3)	400,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(58) University of Texas Medical Branch 301 University Blvd Galveston,T X 77555	74-6000949	501(c)(3)	225,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(59) University of Utah 201 S Presidents Circle Rm 411 Salt Lake City,UT 84112	87-6000525	501(c)(3)	119,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(60) University of Washington Foundation 407 Gerberding Hall Box 351210 Seattle,WA 981951210	94-3079432	501(c)(3)	200,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(61) University of Washington Seattle Advancement 4300 Roosevelt Way NE Box 354965 Seattle,WA 98105	91-6001537	501(c)(3)	50,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(62) University of Washington Seattle 4300 Roosevelt Way NE Box 354965 Seattle,WA 98105	91-6001537	501(c)(3)	700,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(63) University of Wisconsin-Madison 21 N Park Street Suite 6401 Madison,WI 537151218	39-6006492	501(c)(3)	190,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(64) Vanderbilt University Medical Center 1161 21st avenue South Nashville,T N 372325445	35-2528741	501(c)(3)	150,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(65) VLP Therapeutics LLC 19 Firstfield Rd Suite 100b Gaithersburg,MD 208781791	45-4612546	N/A	180,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(66) Washington University in St Louis 700 Rosedale Ave CB1034 St Louis,MO 63112	43-0653611	501(c)(3)	200,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(67) Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research 455 Main Street Cambridge,M A 02142	06-1043412	501(c)(3)	100,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants
(68) Yale University 2 Whitney Avenue 6th Floor New Haven,C T 06510	06-0646973	501(c)(3)	800,000	0	N/A	N/A	University Research & Teaching/ Education Grants

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . . ▶ 65

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . . ▶ 3

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	**(b)** Number of recipients	**(c)** Amount of cash grant	**(d)** Amount of noncash assistance	**(e)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(f)** Description of noncash assistance
(1) Emergent Ventures	3	30,000	0	N/A	N/A
(2) Capped expense reimbursement for Research Related Travel	20	12,526	0	N/A	N/A
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

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Part I, Line 2:	Faculty awards are given to those Center faculty members who actively engage in original research. In addition, grants were made to support research at other universities that advance the mission of the center and for promising projects to meaningfully improving society through the Emergent Ventures program. Research projects are expected to result in scholarly journal articles, book manuscripts, monographs, or other quality products.
Schedule I, Part I, Line 1(h):	Grants were given to the George Mason University for the following purposes: to provide general support for the mission and activities of the George Mason University Foundation; to provide support for research by faculty members in economics; to support student tuition in the Department of Economics; to support student stipends in the Department of Economics; and for summer support and course buyouts for faculty members in economics.

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Schedule J (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

			Yes	No
1a	Check the appropiate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.			
	☐ First-class or charter travel	☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
	☐ Travel for companions	☐ Payments for business use of personal residence		
	☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments	☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
	☐ Discretionary spending account	☐ Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b	If any of the boxes on Line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	**1b**		
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on Line 1a?	**2**		
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.			
	☑ Compensation committee	☐ Written employment contract		
	☐ Independent compensation consultant	☑ Compensation survey or study		
	☑ Form 990 of other organizations	☑ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4	During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:			
a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	**4a**		No
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	**4b**		No
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	**4c**		No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.			
	Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.			
5	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:			
a	The organization?	**5a**		No
b	Any related organization?	**5b**		No
	If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.			
6	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:			
a	The organization?	**6a**		No
b	Any related organization?	**6b**		No
	If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.			
7	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	**7**		No
8	Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accured pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	**8**		No
9	If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	**9**		

Part II **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		**(B)** Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			**(C)** Retirement and other deferred compensation	**(D)** Nontaxable benefits	**(E)** Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	**(F)** Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	**(ii)** Bonus & incentive compensation	**(iii)** Other reportable compensation				
1Daniel Rothschild Executive Director	**(i)**	220,000	150,000	0	0	19,778	389,778	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2Jennifer Zambone Secretary and VP of Operations	**(i)**	185,000	50,000	0	0	7,152	242,152	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3Gary Leff Treasurer and CFO	**(i)**	135,000	16,875	0	0	12,525	164,400	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4Veronique De Rugy Sr Research Fellow	**(i)**	225,000	70,000	0	0	6,441	301,441	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5Charles Blahous Sr Research Strategist	**(i)**	215,000	10,000	0	0	7,585	232,585	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6Eileen Norcross Policy Research - Vice President	**(i)**	200,000	50,000	0	0	7,674	257,674	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7Patrick McLaughlin Sr Research Fellow	**(i)**	195,000	35,000	0	0	6,441	236,441	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8Karen Czarnecki Outreach - Vice President	**(i)**	190,000	35,000	0	0	8,320	233,320	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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SCHEDULE M (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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Noncash Contributions

▶Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	11	5,732,942	Fair market value
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ ( )				
26 Other ▶ ( )				
27 Other ▶ ( )				
28 Other ▶ ( )				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement — 29

		Yes	No
30a	During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?	30a	No
b	If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31	Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?	31	No
32a	Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?	32a	No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33	If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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SCHEDULE O
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Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11b	A draft of the Form 990 is prepared by the independent accountants and provided to the Chairman of the Board for review prior to filing.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	Conflicts and potential conflicts of interest are described in the Center's Employee Manual, which is distributed to all employees. Disclosure is required contemporaneously with any potential conflicts and employees are regularly reminded of the obligation.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	Officer compensation is set annually by a vote of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. Decisions are documented by the Executive Committee and provided to the organization. The committee considers employee performance, their knowledge of non-profit practices, and comparability data.
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	The Organization's makes its financial statements and governing documents available upon request to those deemed to have a bona fide business purpose which advances the exempt purpose of the organization.
Form 990, Part IX, line 11g	General Contract Services: Program service expenses 1,086,727. Management and general expenses 25,307. Fundraising expenses 90,092. Total expenses 1,202,126. Honoraria, Fellowships, Sponsorships & Awards: Program service expenses 6,526,449. Management and general expenses 1,000. Fundraising expenses 50,000. Total expenses 6,577,449. Photography, Production, & Film: Program service expenses 119,845. Management and general expenses 845. Fundraising expenses 6,695. Total expenses 127,385. Temporary Help: Program service expenses 8,611. Management and general expenses 4,190. Fundraising expenses 429. Total expenses 13,230. Peer Reviews: Program service expenses 19,025. Management and general expenses 0. Fundraising expenses 0. Total expenses 19,025.
Form 990, Part XII, Line 2c:	The Center's Board of Directors assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, including selection of independent accountants. This process is consistent with prior years.

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