

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

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

C Name of organization
THE POYNTER INSTITUTE FOR MEDIA STUDIES INC
Doing business as
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
801 3RD STREET S
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
ST PETERSBURG, FL 337014920
F Name and address of principal officer:
NEIL BROWN
801 3RD STREET S
ST PETERSBURG, FL 337014920

D Employer identification number
59-1630423
E Telephone number
(727) 821-9494
G Gross receipts \$ 15,572,356

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.POYNTER.ORG

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation: 1975 **M** State of legal domicile: FL

Part I	Summary
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE POYNTER INSTITUTE IS A SCHOOL DEDICATED TO TEACHING AND INSPIRING JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA LEADERS.
	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 10
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 6
Revenue	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a) 5 61
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 10
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 7a 547,766
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39 7b 0
Expenses	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) Prior Year 11,568,282 Current Year 8,313,620
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 2,620,256 5,400,059
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 324,505 211,871
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 390,358 719,388
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 14,903,401 14,644,938
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3) 76,772 1,959,833
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 0 0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10) 4,087,929 5,039,271
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 0 0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶188,668
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) 4,911,222 5,159,979
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 9,075,923 12,159,083
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 5,827,478 2,485,855
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) Beginning of Current Year 46,556,766 End of Year 49,655,166
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 176,906 789,451
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 46,379,860 48,865,715

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
NEIL BROWN PRESIDENT
Type or print name and title

2021-10-21
Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name
Firm's name ▶ RSM US LLP
Firm's address ▶ 7351 OFFICE PARK PLACE
MELBOURNE, FL 329408229

Preparer's signature
Date
Check ☐ if self-employed
PTIN P01204534
Firm's EIN ▶ 42-0714325
Phone no. (321) 751-6200

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

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

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- 1 Briefly describe the organization’s mission:
- THE POYNTER INSTITUTE IS A SCHOOL DEDICATED TO TEACHING AND INSPIRING JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA LEADERS. IT PROMOTES EXCELLENCE AND INTEGRITY IN THE PRACTICE OF CRAFT AND IN THE PRACTICAL LEADERSHIP OF SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES. IT STANDS FOR A JOURNALISM THAT INFORMS CITIZENS AND ENLIGHTENS PUBLIC DISCOURSE. IT CARRIES FORWARD NELSON POYNTER'S BELIEF IN THE VALUE OF INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM.
- 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 \$ 4,798,311 including grants of \$ 59,777) (Revenue \$ 2,486,756)
THE POYNTER INSTITUTE IN ST. PETERSBURG, FL, IS A SCHOOL DEDICATED TO THE BELIEF THAT THE PRACTICE OF EXCELLENT JOURNALISM IS ESSENTIAL TO A SUCCESSFUL DEMOCRACY.LED BY A PRESIDENT, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, POYNTER EMPLOYS A FULL-TIME FACULTY AND STAFF, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS ADJUNCT TEACHERS TO REACH ITS PRINCIPAL AUDIENCES OF PROFESSIONAL AND NONPROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS, EDUCATORS AND MEDIA LEADERS. IN ADDITION, THE INSTITUTE OFFERS PROGRAMS FOR COLLEGE, HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, AS WELL AS FOR CITIZENS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT JOURNALISM AND ITS IMPACT ON SOCIETY. (CONTINUED ON SCHEDULE O)(CONTINUED FROM 990, PART III, LINE 4A) THESE COURSES ARE OFFERED AT MANY LOCATIONS, INCLUDING POYNTER'S HEADQUARTERS, NOTABLE CONFERENCE LOCATIONS IN MAJOR CITIES, AND CLIENT LOCATIONS AS CUSTOM PROGRAMS DESIGNED FOR SPECIFIC AUDIENCES.POYNTER'S CURRICULUM, BOTH IN CONTENT AND DELIVERY, EMPHASIZES THE NEW AND THE TIMELESS. AT THE HEART OF POYNTER'S CURRENT COURSE LIST ARE PROGRAMS FOR MASTERING THE TOOLS REQUIRED IN TODAY'S FAST-CHANGING MEDIA WORLD. ITS ON-CAMPUS SEMINAR LIST INCLUDES TITLES LIKE THESE: ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR NEW MANAGERS, LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, AND REPORTING & EDITING SUMMIT. POYNTER CONTINUES TO STRESS JOURNALISTIC ESSENTIALS BLENDED WITH EXAMPLES THAT FIT THE MODERN NEWSROOM ROLES AND STRUCTURE. THOSE PROGRAMS FOCUS ON REPORTING, WRITING, AND EDITING; ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING; DIVERSITY; MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP; AND DIGITAL JOURNALISM.IN ADDITION TO ITS COURSES, POYNTER ALSO LEADS EFFORTS TO HELP GUARANTEE THAT THE PRACTICE OF JOURNALISM WILL BE SUSTAINED IN THE FUTURE. FOR EXAMPLE:- THE CREATION OF THE CRAIG NEWMARK CENTER FOR ETHICS AND LEADERSHIP TO EXPAND POYNTER'S ROLE IN ETHICS AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING, INCLUDING TO PROVIDE CUSTOM ADVICE AND TRAINING TO PROFESSIONAL NEWSROOMS ON STORIES AND POLICIES, ADVANCE THE ETHICAL STANDARDS THAT GUIDE PROFESSIONAL NEWS ORGANIZATIONS, HOST GATHERINGS WHERE JOURNALISTS AND EXPERTS CAN EXCHANGE IDEAS AND SPONSOR RESEARCH INTO BUILDING TRUST IN NEWS AND THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.- TOPICAL REPORTING SEMINARS, SUPPORTED BY THE MACARTHUR FOUNDATION AND OTHER FUNDERS, MEET THE GROWING NEED TO PROVIDE JOURNALISTS AND OTHERS WITH SUBJECT-SPECIFIC EXPERTISE AND PRACTICAL REPORTING TRAINING ON ISSUES OR TOPICS IN THE NEWS.- AN ENDOWMENT TRANSFERRED TO POYNTER FROM THE NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (LATER AMERICAN PRESS INSTITUTE) RECEIVED FROM THE KNIGHT FOUNDATION TRACKS THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF NEWS MEDIA AND ENABLES POYNTER TO EXTEND THE PRACTICAL TRAINING OF DIGITAL TOOLS.IN 2020, 87,396 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN 333 REGULAR OR CUSTOM COURSES AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS. MANY OF THEM RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS OR OTHER ASSISTANCE WITH TUITION AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES. POYNTER UNDERWRITES A PORTION OF PROGRAM COSTS FOR ALL STUDENTS. THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS, PROFESSORS, AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS RECEIVED ASSISTANCE WITH TUITION OR ATTENDED VARIOUS POYNTER PROGRAMS FREE OF CHARGE. IN ADDITION TO THEIR WORK AT THE INSTITUTE, POYNTER FACULTY MEMBERS PROVIDE PRO BONO INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICE TO JOURNALISM ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE INTENDED TO SERVE MEMBERS OF MINORITY GROUPS. IN 2020, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TAMPA BAY RAYS, THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, AND THE WELLS FARGO FOUNDATION, POYNTER CONTINUED ITS COMMITMENT TO THE "WRITE FIELD" PROGRAM TO TEACH AT-RISK MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS IN ITS HOME COMMUNITY THE VALUE OF WRITING AND JOURNALISM THROUGH THE CONTEXT OF A ONE-YEAR WRITING AND LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM.POYNTER ENJOYS A GLOBAL REPUTATION. MORE THAN 612 DOMESTIC AND 102 FOREIGN NEWS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SENT THEIR EMPLOYEES TO POYNTER TEACHING, INCLUDING ORGANIZATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA, INDONESIA, TURKEY AND THROUGHOUT EUROPE. THE MOST RECENT COURSE OFFERINGS CAN BE LOCATED ON THE WEB AT WWW.POYNTER.ORG.	
4b	(Code:) (Expenses \$ 4,910,434 including grants of \$ 1,900,056) (Revenue \$ 2,369,635)
POYNTER ALSO PROVIDES IN-DEPTH, NON-PARTISAN FACT-CHECKING BOTH WITH GUIDELINES AND GOVERNANCE FOR FACT-CHECKERS WORLDWIDE AS WELL AS THROUGH DOMESTIC PRACTICES. THE INTERNATIONAL FACT-CHECKING NETWORK (IFCN) IS A UNIT OF THE POYNTER INSTITUTE DEDICATED TO BRINGING TOGETHER FACT-CHECKERS WORLDWIDE. THE IFCN WAS LAUNCHED IN SEPTEMBER 2015 TO SUPPORT A BOOMING CROP OF FACT-CHECKING INITIATIVES BY PROMOTING BEST PRACTICES AND EXCHANGES IN THIS FIELD. IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING A CODE OF PRINCIPLES AND PROVIDING A VERIFICATION PROCESS FOR FACT-CHECKERS WORLDWIDE, THE IFCN ALSO PROVIDES GLOBAL TRAINING AND SUMMITS TO IMPROVE THE CRAFT. POYNTER ALSO MANAGES ONE OF THE FOREMOST NATIONAL FACT-CHECKING BRANDS, POLITIFACT. (CONTINUED ON SCHEDULE O)(CONTINUED FROM 990, PART III, LINE 4B) POLITIFACT PROVIDES DAILY FACT-CHECKING AND RESOURCES TO BOTH JOURNALISTS AND THE PUBLIC. IN ADDITION, POLITIFACT TRAINS AND EDUCATES OTHER FACT-CHECKERS AS WELL AS HOLDS CITIZEN TRAINING EVENTS.	
4c	(Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,281,402 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 583,955)
IN ADDITION, THE POYNTER INSTITUTE EXPANDED ITS MEDIAWISE PROJECT. THE MEDIAWISE PROJECT EMPOWERS PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO BECOME MORE CRITICAL CONSUMERS OF CONTENT ONLINE, TEACHING PEOPLE DIGITAL MEDIA LITERACY AND FACT-CHECKING SKILLS TO SPOT MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION, WITH INITIATIVES SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO ENGAGE GEN Z, COLLEGE STUDENTS AND OLDER AMERICANS. IN 2020, THE MEDIAWISE PROJECT TAUGHT 2 MILLION FIRST-TIME VOTERS. IN TOTAL, MEDIAWISE HAS REACHED OVER 53 MILLION PEOPLE SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2018.	
4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)	
4e	Total program service expenses ► 10,990,147

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 Yes	
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 Yes	
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 Yes	
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 Yes	
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	No
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)?	11f Yes	
12a If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 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 Yes	
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 Yes	
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?	26	Yes	
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		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions?	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?	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	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	Yes	
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	Yes	
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	169	
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	61			
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	Yes			
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>		3b	Yes			
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 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?						
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? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>		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 If the organization is subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?		16			No	
If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.						

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

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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.	10		
	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.			
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent.	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	Yes	
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	Yes	
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	Yes	
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	Yes	
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.	AK, CA, CO, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, MA, MD, MT, ND, NH, NJ, NY, OR, PA, RI, SC, WA, WI
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:	JESSICA M NAVARRO 801 THIRD STREET ST PETERSBURG, FL 337014920 (727) 553-4338

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) PAUL C TASH CHAIRMAN	5.00 37.50	X		X				0	457,728	0
(2) ANDREW P CORTY TRUSTEE (UNTIL 1/12/20)	0.00 0.00	X						0	30,525	0
(3) NEIL BROWN PRESIDENT	37.50 5.00	X		X				290,719	0	29,367
(4) KELLY B MCBRIDE SENIOR VP	37.50 1.00	X		X				187,678	0	18,203
(5) PAULA ELLIS TRUSTEE	1.00	X						4,000	0	0
(6) MONICA DAVEY TRUSTEE	1.00	X						3,000	0	0
(7) ROBERT KING TRUSTEE	1.00	X						2,000	0	0
(8) ANN MARIE LIPINSKI TRUSTEE	1.00	X						5,000	0	0
(9) STEPHEN BUCKLEY TRUSTEE	1.00	X						5,000	0	0
(10) LORI BERGEN TRUSTEE	1.00	X						3,000	0	0
(11) CONAN GALLATY TRUSTEE	1.00 37.50	X						0	286,610	15,891
(12) JESSICA M NAVARRO VICE PRESIDENT	37.50			X				125,705	0	27,255
(13) CHERYL B CARPENTER LEADERSHIP FACULTY	37.50					X		117,670	0	12,305
(14) CLARA A HOLAN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, POLITIFAC	37.50					X		118,753	0	9,838
(15) AARON M SHAROCKMAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, POLITI	37.50					X		111,640	0	5,261
(16) ALAN D TOMPKINS SENIOR FACULTY, BROADCAST	37.50					X		175,441	0	24,859
(17) DORIS TRUONG DIRECTOR OF TRAINING & DIV	37.50					X		118,880	0	9,572

1b Sub-Total	▶			
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	▶			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	▶	1,268,486	774,863	152,55

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	No

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.

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 ▶ 9

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
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Contributions, Gifts, Grants
and Other Similar Amounts

1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a	
b	Membership dues . . .	1b	799,837
c	Fundraising events . . .	1c	269,079
d	Related organizations	1d	
e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	15,985
f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	7,228,719
g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$	1g	
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		8,313,620	

Program Service Revenue

2a	TEACHING REVENUE	Business Code				
		611710	3,061,033	3,061,033		
b	LICENSING REVENUE	611600	2,339,026	2,339,026		
c						
d						
e						
f	All other program service revenue.					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.		5,400,059				

Other Revenue

3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		230,260			230,260
4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5	Royalties		22,871			22,871
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
6a	Gross rents	6a	293,483			
b	Less: rental expenses	6b	138,595			
c	Rental income or (loss)	6c	154,888			
d	Net rental income or (loss)		154,888			154,888
		(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	705,010			
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b	710,595	12,804		
c	Gain or (loss)	7c	-5,585	-12,804		
d	Net gain or (loss)		-18,389			-18,389
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 269,079 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a	19,000			
b	Less: direct expenses	8b	65,424			
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-46,424			-46,424
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 POLITIFACT ADVERTISING	541800	452,634		452,634	
b CAREER CENTER ADVERTISING	541800	95,132		95,132	
c CAREER CENTER REVENUE	900099	40,287	40,287		
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a–11d		588,053			
12 Total revenue. See instructions		14,644,938	5,440,346	547,766	343,206

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	129,705	129,705		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	69,792	69,792		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	1,760,336	1,760,336		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	712,597	369,863	342,734	
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	3,558,992	3,063,169	338,318	157,505
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	52,630	42,228	9,403	999
9 Other employee benefits	419,554	343,830	69,598	6,126
10 Payroll taxes	295,498	239,924	51,301	4,273
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	39,343	14,435	24,908	
c Accounting	51,050	1,015	48,063	1,972
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	1,889,617	1,889,365	204	48
12 Advertising and promotion	55,382	55,314		68
13 Office expenses	104,252	91,063	10,371	2,818
14 Information technology	55,161	46,612	6,746	1,803
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	413,557	395,957	16,309	1,291
17 Travel	207,715	198,760	7,415	1,540
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	84,794	80,212	1,883	2,699
20 Interest	8,830		8,830	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	733,248	708,926	22,320	2,002
23 Insurance				
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 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	1,058,176	1,058,176	0	0
b EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	277,200	256,532	15,493	5,175
c VISITING PROFESSORS	130,300	130,300	0	0
d MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	42,057	42,048	0	9
e All other expenses	9,297	2,585	6,372	340
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	12,159,083	10,990,147	980,268	188,668
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

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				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		329,241	1	746,479	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			2		
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3		
	4	Accounts receivable, net			4		
	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)		4,988,582	6	4,988,582	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7		
	8	Inventories for sale or use		56,145	8	56,145	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			9		
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	21,710,022			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	15,190,797	6,797,843	10c	6,519,225
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11,151,668	11	14,178,112	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		22,366,624	12	22,366,624	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11			13		
	14	Intangible assets		866,663	14	799,999	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			15		
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		46,556,766	16	49,655,166		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		13,611	17	37,937	
	18	Grants payable			18		
	19	Deferred revenue			19		
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20		
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		13,295	21	14,114	
	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		150,000	24	737,400	
	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			25		
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		176,906	26	789,451	
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		36,005,402	27	37,752,359	
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions		10,374,458	28	11,113,356	
	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		46,379,860	32	48,865,715	
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		46,556,766	33	49,655,166	

Part XI

Reconciliation 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	14,644,938
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	12,159,083
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	2,485,855
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	46,379,860
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
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 32, column (A))	10	48,865,715

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 <u>Income Tax</u> 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? 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		No
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? 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	Yes	
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? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	Yes	
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?		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.		

Additional Data

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Software ID:

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Special Condition Description

Name of the organization

THE POYNTER INSTITUTE FOR MEDIA STUDIES

INC

Employer identification number

59-1630423

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

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A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3

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A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4

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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

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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

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A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9

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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

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An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33⅓% 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 33⅓% 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

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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
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) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .						
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						
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) . . .						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4. . .						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
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						

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

12

13 First 5 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**

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Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2020 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15 Public support percentage for 2019 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	

16a 33 1/3% support test—2020. 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—2019. 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—2020. 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

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b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2019. 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

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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

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Part IIISupport 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) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(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) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(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 5 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 2020 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17 Investment income percentage for 2020 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2020. 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—2019. 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 box 12a, of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 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? <i>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.</i>		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
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)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>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.</i>		
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)? <i>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.</i>		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c 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).</i>		
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?		
c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) .</i>		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
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))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).</i>		

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 lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
11a		
b A family member of a person described in 11a above?		
11b		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the officers, 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 line 2 above, 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 lines 2a and 2b below.			
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 line 2a 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 lines 3a and 3b 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? If "Yes" or "No" 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 (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
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 0.015 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 0.035	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	1	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI)	5	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions	6	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions	8	
9 Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6	9	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	10	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2020	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2020
1 Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2020 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2020:			
a From 2015.			
b From 2016.			
c From 2017.			
d From 2018.			
e From 2019.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2015 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2020 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2020, 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 2020. 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 2021. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2016.			
b Excess from 2017.			
c Excess from 2018.			
d Excess from 2019.			
e Excess from 2020.			

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 (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Schedule of Contributors ▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.	OMB No. 1545-0047
		2020
Name of the organization THE POYNTER INSTITUTE FOR MEDIA STUDIES INC		Employer identification number 59-1630423

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 33¹/₃% 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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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.)
(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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-		\$	
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-		\$	
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-		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		\$	

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

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

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

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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.	
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 FASB 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 FASB 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	▶ \$ 0
(ii)	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ 143,185
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 FASB 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 EDUCATION
- 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 | 1,406,238 | 1,420,266 | 1,461,442 | 1,516,201 | 1,601,271 |
| b Contributions | | | | | |
| c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses | 28,483 | 80,972 | 38,824 | 40,241 | 4,930 |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | 80,000 | 95,000 | 80,000 | 95,000 | 90,000 |
| f Administrative expenses | | | | | |
| g End of year balance | 1,354,721 | 1,406,238 | 1,420,266 | 1,461,442 | 1,516,201 |
- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 0 %

b Permanent endowment ▶ 76.500 %

c Term endowment ▶ 23.500 %

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:

(i) Unrelated organizations

(ii) Related organizations

b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- | | Yes | No |
|--------|-----|----|
| 3a(i) | | No |
| 3a(ii) | | No |
| 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		2,273,293		2,273,293
b Buildings		15,492,325	11,811,682	3,680,643
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		2,000,691	1,436,520	564,171
e Other		1,943,713	1,942,595	1,118
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				6,519,225

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 _____		
(A) TIMES HOLDING CO STOCK	21,366,624	C
(B) TIMES PUBLISHING CO STOCK	1,000,000	C
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶	22,366,624	

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.) ▶	
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	14,726,024
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	140,863
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	140,863
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	14,585,161
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	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	59,777
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	59,777
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	14,644,938

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	12,240,169
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	140,863
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	140,863
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	12,099,306
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	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	59,777
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	59,777
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	12,159,083

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 III, LINE 4:	POYNTER'S COLLECTION OF ART DEPICTS IMPORTANT MOMENTS IN HISTORY, AND GIVES STUDENTS A POINT OF DISCUSSION ON HOW JOURNALISTS HAVE COVERED THESE EVENTS.
PART IV, LINE 2B:	DEPOSITS IN ESCROW REPRESENT SECURITY DEPOSITS RECEIVED ON LEASED OFFICES AT POYNTER'S HEADQUARTERS AS PART OF A TWELVE MONTH LEASE. THOSE OFFICES ARE RENTED TO OUTSIDE FOR-PROFIT AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AS PART OF THE INNOVATION DISTRICT.
PART V, LINE 4:	DURING 2012, THE INSTITUTE RECEIVED ENDOWMENT FUNDS OF \$1,528,500. THE INSTITUTE'S ENDOWMENT FUNDS ARE FUNDS RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION TRAINING IN THE NEWSPAPER INDUSTRY AND CONSISTS OF VARIOUS MUTUAL FUNDS.
PART X, LINE 2:	THE INSTITUTE IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DETERMINED THAT THE INSTITUTE AND THE FOUNDATION ARE NOT PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEM QUALIFY AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTIONS. THE ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZES A TAX BENEFIT FROM AN UNCERTAIN TAX POSITION ONLY IF IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THE TAX POSITION WILL BE SUSTAINED ON EXAMINATION OF THE TAXING AUTHORITIES. MANAGEMENT EVALUATED THE ORGANIZATIONS TAX POSITIONS AND CONCLUDED THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAD NO MATERIAL UNCERTAINTIES IN INCOME TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019. THE ORGANIZATION IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX EXAMINATIONS BY THE U.S. FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR FISCAL YEARS BEFORE 2017.
PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	RENTAL EXPENSES 138,595. ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING EVENT EXPENSES RECLASSED 2,268.
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	TUITION WAIVERS 59,777.
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	RENTAL EXPENSES 138,595. ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING EXPENSES RECLASSED 2,268.
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	TUITION WAIVERS 59,777.

Additional Data

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Software ID:

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Part I

	YES	NO
1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	1 Yes	
2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	2 Yes	
3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy on its primary publicly accessible Internet homepage during its taxable year in a manner reasonably expected to be noticed by visitors to the homepage, or through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has a solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," describe. If "No," please explain. If you need more space use Part II.	3 Yes	
4 Does the organization maintain the following?		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	4a Yes	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	4b Yes	
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	4c Yes	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?	4d Yes	
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.		
5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a Students' rights or privileges?	5a	No
b Admissions policies?	5b	No
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	5c	No
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?	5d	No
e Educational policies?	5e	No
f Use of facilities?	5f	No
g Athletic programs?	5g	No
h Other extracurricular activities?	5h	No
If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.		
6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	6a	No
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?	6b	No
If you answered "Yes" to either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II.		
7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," explain on Part II.	7 Yes	

Part II Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, lines 3, 4d, 5h, 6b, and 7, as applicable. Also provide any other additional information. See instructions.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE E, PART I, LINE 3	THE SCHOOL CUSTOMARILY DRAWS A SUBSTANTIAL PERCENTAGE OF ITS STUDENTS AND SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS NATIONWIDE OR WORLDWIDE AND FOLLOWS A RACIALLY NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS AND SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS. THE SCHOOL PUBLICIZED ITS NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY IN THE TAMPA BAY TIMES ON DECEMBER 10, 2020. A COPY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ)
(2020)

Additional Data

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Name of the organization
THE POYNTER INSTITUTE FOR MEDIA STUDIES
INC

Employer identification number
59-1630423

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 or 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) CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS LOCATED IN REGION	SUPPORTED VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO ENHANCE THEIR SKILLS IN FACT-CHECKING AND RESEARCH GRANT	4,350
(2) EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS LOCATED IN REGION	SUPPORTED VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO ENHANCE THEIR SKILLS IN FACT-CHECKING AND RESEARCH GRANT	180,870
(3) EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND)	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS LOCATED IN REGION	SUPPORTED VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO ENHANCE THEIR SKILLS IN FACT-CHECKING AND RESEARCH GRANT	814,997
(4) MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS LOCATED IN REGION	SUPPORTED VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO ENHANCE THEIR SKILLS IN FACT-CHECKING AND RESEARCH GRANT	26,340
(5) NORTH AMERICA	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS LOCATED IN REGION	SUPPORTED VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO ENHANCE THEIR SKILLS IN FACT-CHECKING AND RESEARCH GRANT	70,858
(6) RUSSIA AND NEIGHBORING STATES	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS LOCATED IN REGION	SUPPORTED VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO ENHANCE THEIR SKILLS IN FACT-CHECKING AND RESEARCH GRANT	40,060
(7) SOUTH AMERICA	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS LOCATED IN REGION	SUPPORTED VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO ENHANCE THEIR SKILLS IN FACT-CHECKING AND RESEARCH GRANT	185,970
(8) SOUTH ASIA	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS LOCATED IN REGION	SUPPORTED VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO ENHANCE THEIR SKILLS IN FACT-CHECKING AND RESEARCH GRANT	242,278
(9) SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS LOCATED IN REGION	SUPPORTED VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO ENHANCE THEIR SKILLS IN FACT-CHECKING AND RESEARCH GRANT	194,613
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
3a Sub-total	0	0			1,565,723
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			194,613
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			1,760,336

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)			CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN - ANTIGUA & BARBUDA, ARUBA, BAHAMAS, BARB	FACT-CHECKING INNOVATION INITIVATIVE ROUND 1	30,024	WIRE TRANSFER			
(2)			CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN - ANTIGUA & BARBUDA, ARUBA, BAHAMAS, BARB	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	24,600	WIRE TRANSFER			
(3)			EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA, CAMBODIA, CHINA (INCL	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	24,975	WIRE TRANSFER			
(4)			EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA, CAMBODIA, CHINA (INCL	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	19,212	WIRE TRANSFER			
(5)			EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA, CAMBODIA, CHINA (INCL	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	24,998	WIRE TRANSFER			
(6)			EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA, CAMBODIA, CHINA (INCL	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	50,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(7)			EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA, CAMBODIA, CHINA (INCL	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	50,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(8)			EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA, CAMBODIA, CHINA (INCL	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	19,120	WIRE TRANSFER			
(9)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	40,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(10)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	25,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(11)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	FACT-CHECKING INNOVATION INITIATIVE ROUND 2	50,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(12)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	39,840	WIRE TRANSFER			
(13)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	22,211	WIRE TRANSFER			
(14)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	15,255	WIRE TRANSFER			
(15)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	34,400	WIRE TRANSFER			
(16)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	24,900	WIRE TRANSFER			
(17)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	24,300	WIRE TRANSFER			
(18)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	25,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(19)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	17,044	WIRE TRANSFER			
(20)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	50,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(21)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	FACT-CHECKING INNOVATION INITIVATIVE ROUND 1	47,580	WIRE TRANSFER			
(22)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	48,012	WIRE TRANSFER			
(23)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	23,960	WIRE TRANSFER			
(24)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	48,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(25)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	49,530	WIRE TRANSFER			
(26)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	FACT-CHECKING INNOVATION INITIVATIVE ROUND 1	49,970	WIRE TRANSFER			
(27)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	24,070	WIRE TRANSFER			
(28)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	23,955	WIRE TRANSFER			
(29)			MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA - ALGERIA, BAHRAIN, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, IRAN, IRA	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	24,890	WIRE TRANSFER			
(30)			NORTH AMERICA - CANADA AND MEXICO, BUT NOT THE UNITED STATES	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	13,120	WIRE TRANSFER			
(31)			NORTH AMERICA - CANADA AND MEXICO, BUT NOT THE UNITED STATES	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	49,728	WIRE TRANSFER			
(32)			RUSSIA AND NEIGHBORING STATES - ARMENIA, AZERBIJAN, BELARUS, GEORGIA, KAZAK	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	36,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(33)			SOUTH AMERICA - ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLUMBIA, ECUADOR, FRENC	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	49,900	WIRE TRANSFER			
(34)			SOUTH AMERICA - ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLUMBIA, ECUADOR, FRENC	FACT-CHECKING INNOVATION INITIVATIVE ROUND 1	50,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(35)			SOUTH AMERICA - ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLUMBIA, ECUADOR, FRENC	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	35,400	WIRE TRANSFER			
(36)			SOUTH AMERICA - ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLUMBIA, ECUADOR, FRENC	FACT-CHECKING INNOVATION INITIVATIVE ROUND 2	31,750	WIRE TRANSFER			
(37)			SOUTH ASIA - AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, INDIA, MALDIVES, NEPAL, PAKIS	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	25,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(38)			SOUTH ASIA - AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, INDIA, MALDIVES, NEPAL, PAKIS	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	24,250	WIRE TRANSFER			
(39)			SOUTH ASIA - AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, INDIA, MALDIVES, NEPAL, PAKIS	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	25,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(40)			SOUTH ASIA - AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, INDIA, MALDIVES, NEPAL, PAKIS	FACT-CHECKING INNOVATION INITIVATIVE ROUND 1	35,098	WIRE TRANSFER			
(41)			SOUTH ASIA - AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, INDIA, MALDIVES, NEPAL, PAKIS	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	50,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(42)			SOUTH ASIA - AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, INDIA, MALDIVES, NEPAL, PAKIS	FACT-CHECKING INNOVATION INITIVATIVE ROUND 1	50,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(43)			SOUTH ASIA - AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, INDIA, MALDIVES, NEPAL, PAKIS	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	15,900	WIRE TRANSFER			
(44)			SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - ANGOLA, BENIN, BOTSWANA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CAMERO	FACT-CHECKING INNOVATION INITIVATIVE ROUND 1	24,958	WIRE TRANSFER			
(45)			SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - ANGOLA, BENIN, BOTSWANA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CAMERO	FACT-FORWARD	25,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(46)			SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - ANGOLA, BENIN, BOTSWANA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CAMERO	INNOVATION GRANT	24,958	WIRE TRANSFER			
(47)			SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - ANGOLA, BENIN, BOTSWANA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CAMERO	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	49,728	WIRE TRANSFER			
(48)			SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - ANGOLA, BENIN, BOTSWANA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CAMERO	CORONAVIRUS FACT-CHECKING GRANT	39,100	WIRE TRANSFER			
(49)			SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - ANGOLA, BENIN, BOTSWANA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CAMERO	FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	20,249	WIRE TRANSFER			

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

10

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities

46

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)							
(14)							
(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

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.

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a ☐ Mail solicitations

e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants

b ☐ Internet and email solicitations

f ☐ Solicitation of government grants

c ☐ Phone solicitations

g ☐ Special fundraising events

d ☐ In-person solicitations
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue		(a)Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c)Other events	(d) Total events
		BOWTIE BALL (event type)	SPEAKER SERIES (event type)	(total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
	1 Gross receipts	281,802	6,277		288,079
	2 Less: Contributions	262,802	6,277		269,079
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	19,000			19,000
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes	11,367			11,367
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	15,427			15,427
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment	13,100			13,100
	9 Other direct expenses	25,530			25,530
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				65,424
	11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				-46,424

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Revenue		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col.(a) through col.(c))
Direct Expenses	1 Gross revenue				
	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____% .. ☐ No	☐ Yes _____% .. ☐ No	☐ Yes _____% .. ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
	8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d). ▶				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities:_____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

11

Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?

☐ Yes ☐ No

12

Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

☐ Yes ☐ No

13

Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a	The organization's facility	13a	%
b	An outside facility	13b	%

14

Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

15a

Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____.

c

If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

16

Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ -----

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ -----.

Description of services provided ▶ -----

☐ Director/officer

☐ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

17

Mandatory distributions:

a

Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____.

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See Instructions.

Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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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) WP COMPANY LLC DBA WASHINGTON POST 1301 K ST NW WASHINGTON, DC 200710004	80-0298139		25,000				FACT-CHECKING DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT
(2) NR8 LLC 3428 TEXAS STREET SAN DIEGO, CA 92104	46-2266969		46,667				FACT-CHECKING INNOVATION INITIATIVE
(3) FAKENETAI INC 2150 SHATTUCK AVE PENTHOUSE SUITE 1300 BERKELEY, CA 94704	85-1595937		49,500				FACT-CHECKING INNOVATION INITIATIVE

2

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

0

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) TUITION WAIVER	6915	59,777			TUITION AID ON ONLINE AND IN-PERSON COURSES
(2) FELLOWSHIPS	40	2,515			WRITE FIELD AND TRUSTING NEWS PROGRAM FELLOWSHIPS
(3) RESEARCH AND FACT-CHECKING GRANT	2	7,500			RESEARCH FACT-CHECKING GRANTS
(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.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2:	THE INSTITUTE REVIEWS APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS/WAIVERS BASED ON INDIVIDUAL NEED AND PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS.

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a		
1a Check the appropriate 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 ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
1b		
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		
2		
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?		
3		
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 ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☐ Written employment contract ☒ Compensation survey or study ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4		
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? b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.		
4a		No
4b		No
4c		No
Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5		
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? b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
5a		No
5b		No
6		
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? b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
6a		No
6b		No
7		No
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		
8		No
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued 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		
9		
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?		

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.

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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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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and section 501(c)(29) organizations only).
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958. _____

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$. ▶ _____
\$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY	RELATED ORGANIZATION	TO FUND WORKING CAPITAL NEEDS		X	7,000,000	4,988,582		No	Yes		Yes	
Total						\$ 4,988,582						

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE INSTITUTE HAS FOUR MEMBERS PLUS AN ALTERNATE FOR PURPOSES OF ELECTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ANY OTHER CORPORATE MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE MEMBERS, BY MAJORITY VOTE, MAY AT ANY TIME INCREASE OR DECREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE. THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS CANNOT BE LESS THAN THREE AND THERE SHOULD ALWAYS BE AN ALTERNATE. THE MEMBERS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REVIEWING AND APPOINTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON AN ANNUAL AND AS NEEDED BASIS.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE MEMBERS MAY ALSO VOTE ON CERTAIN GOVERNING DECISIONS WHEN PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTING FIRM. AN INITIAL DRAFT OF THE FORM IS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, LEGAL REPRESENTATION, AND MANAGEMENT FOR REVIEW. THE REVIEW COMMENTS, IF ANY, ARE CONSIDERED AND, IF APPLICABLE, REFLECTED ON THE FINAL VERSION OF THE RETURN. ALL BOARD MEMBERS RECEIVE A COPY OF THE 990 PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE TRUSTEES OF THE BOARD REPORT ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST TO THE CHAIRMAN. THE CHAIRMAN AND POYNTER'S PRESIDENT PROVIDE REVIEW AND CAN MAKE DETERMINATIONS ABOUT SUCH CONFLICTS.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL COMPENSATION FOR KEY PEOPLE IS DETERMINED BY AN ANNUAL REVIEW. THE PRESIDENT IS REVIEWED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR OFFICERS COMPENSATION FOR KEY PEOPLE IS DETERMINED BY AN ANNUAL REVIEW. THE ANNUAL REVIEWS BY A SUPERVISOR ARE WRITTEN AND ORAL. THE REVIEW INCLUDES AN EXAMINATION OF PREVIOUS WORK. FOR KEY PEOPLE THE CONVERSATION IS OFTEN LED BY THE PRESIDENT.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	NO GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G	OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES: PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 1,889,365. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 204. FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 48. TOTAL EXPENSES 1,889,617.
PART XII, LINE 1	THE ORGANIZATION USES THE INCOME TAX METHOD OF ACCOUNTING.
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:	THE POYNTER INSTITUTE FOR MEDIA STUDIES INC DID NOT CHANGE ITS OVERSIGHT PROCESS OR SELECTION PROCESS DURING THE TAX YEAR.

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SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
Attach to Form 990.
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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

Table with 6 columns: (a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity; (b) Primary activity; (c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country); (d) Total income; (e) End-of-year assets; (f) Direct controlling entity.

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

Table with 7 columns: (a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization; (b) Primary activity; (c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country); (d) Exempt Code section; (e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3)); (f) Direct controlling entity; (g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity? (Yes/No).

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproprtionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b) (13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) TIMES HOLDING COMPANY 490 FIRST AVE S ST PETERSBURG, FL 33701 59-6068199	HOLDING CO	FL	THE POYNTER INSTITUTE FOR MEDIA STUDIES INC	C	84,086,101	33,454,599	100.000 %	Yes	
(2) TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY 490 FIRST AVE S ST PETERSBURG, FL 33701 59-0482470	MEDIA CO	FL	TIMES HOLDING COMPANY	C			100.000 %	Yes	
(3) TREND MAGAZINES INC 490 FIRST AVE S ST PETERSBURG, FL 33701 59-1057320	PERIODICAL	FL	TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY	C			100.000 %	Yes	
(4) TAMPA BAY NEWSPAPERS INC 9911 SEMINOLE BLVD SEMINOLE, FL 33772 59-3447974	NEWSPAPERS	FL	TIMES HOLDING COMPANY	C			100.000 %	Yes	
(5) TIMES MEDIA SERVICES INC 490 FIRST AVE S ST PETERSBURG, FL 33701 26-2792852	PERIODICAL	FL	TIMES HOLDING COMPANY	C			100.000 %	Yes	
(6) TAMPA MEDIA GROUP LLC 202 SOUTH PARKER STREET TAMPA, FL 33606 46-2419106	MEDIA CO	FL	TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY	C			100.000 %	Yes	

Part V

Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity

1a

No

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

1b

No

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

1c

No

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

1d

Yes

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

1e

No

f Dividends from related organization(s)

1f

No

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

1g

No

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

1h

No

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

1i

No

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

1j

No

k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

1k

No

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

1l

Yes

m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

1m

Yes

n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

1n

Yes

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

1o

No

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

1p

Yes

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

1q

No

r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

1r

No

s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

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No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)TIMES PUBLISHING CO	D	7,263,366	LOAN GUARANTEE
(2)TIMES PUBLISHING CO	N	310,106	POLITIFACT ADS AND CONTENT
(3)TIMES PUBLISHING CO	L	230,563	FISCAL SPONSORSHIP
(4)TIMES PUBLISHING CO	L	59,846	CONTRIBUTING EDITOR
(5)TIMES PUBLISHING CO	M	163,318	ADVERTISING PROMOTION

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Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII

Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. (see instructions).

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