


Form 990



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public
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OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015 , and ending 12-31-2015

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

C Name of organization
Franklin Institute
% K SIOBHAN KEEFE
Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
222 North 20th Street

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Philadelphia, PA 19103
F Name and address of principal officer
Larry Dubinski
222 North 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

D Employer identification number
23-1370501

E Telephone number
(215) 448-1200

G Gross receipts \$ 108,273,198

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

J Website: ▶ www.fi.edu

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶
L Year of formation 1824 **M** State of legal domicile PA

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 ▶

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
IN THE SPIRIT OF INQUIRY AND DISCOVERY EMBODIED BY BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, THE MISSION OF THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE IS TO INSPIRE A PASSION FOR LEARNING ABOUT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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** 43
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) **4** 42
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a) **5** 521
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) **6** 1,779
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 **7a** 497,667
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 **7b** 151,090

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶2,108,618
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)
18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

	Prior Year	Current Year
8	17,807,535	5,912,180
9	20,990,122	25,674,691
10	1,957,635	7,116,671
11	946,268	1,085,343
12	41,701,560	39,788,885
13	250,000	250,000
14	0	0
15	14,783,530	16,157,916
16a	15,131	51,163
b		
17	18,908,629	20,277,055
18	33,957,290	36,736,134
19	7,744,270	3,052,751

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	159,972,701	154,930,241
21	24,974,365	24,259,440
22	134,998,336	130,670,801

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

LARRY DUBINSKI PRESIDENT & CEO
Type or print name and title

2016-11-11
Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name
Alycia Mecchella

Preparer's signature
Alycia Mecchella

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN
P01272637

Firm's name ▶ GRANT THORNTON LLP Firm's EIN ▶
Firm's address ▶ 2001 MARKET STREET SUITE 700
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

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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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Briefly describe the organization's mission

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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 \$ 6,456,013	including grants of \$)	(Revenue \$ 5,774,061)
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, SERVICES & GRANTS Completing its 22nd year in 2015, the Partners for Achieving Careers in Technology and Science (PACTS) program is one of the regions oldest and most comprehensive science immersion programs for diverse urban high school students PACTS serves 150 students from more than 40 Philadelphia public schools 2015 was the sixth year for the Institutes STEM Scholars programs, a concentrated program of 15 students each year who show high interest in and aptitude for STEM fields These students receive STEM education and mentoring throughout their high school years, in 2015 the program continued to run at capacity, serving 60 students total PACTS and STEM Scholars provide students with access to STEM professionals as well as college educational programs and services, application and financial aid counseling, exposure to STEM careers, and annual robotics programs attracting more than 1,000 participants These two programs deliver unique STEM programming to a diverse audience As the organizer of the Philadelphia Science Festival, The Franklin Institute helped more than 200 partners to reach more than 75,000 people in neighborhoods across the city with hands-on workshops and demonstrations in its fifth year in 2015 Featuring a Carnival at Penns landing that was attended by 175 exhibitors and more than 50,000 people, the Festival also held dozens of stargazing events in city neighborhoods and offered a diverse range of public programming about science and technology for both adults and child audiences One particular success was a dozen Discovery Days, gatherings of nonprofit, corporate, and academic partners in neighborhoods across the city and the surrounding suburbs, who worked together to educate and inspire residents about various aspects of science and discovery The Institute also works closely with the Science Leadership Academy (SLA), a magnet high school that stands as a further testament to the Institutes commitment to formal education An inquiry-based, science and technology-focused school founded in 2006 through a unique collaborative between The Franklin Institute and the School District of Philadelphia, SLA quickly earned a national reputation for excellence Its students are consistently among the top performers on state standardized tests, exceeding the city and state averages in every subject It has a 98% graduation rate as compared to the 64% graduation rate of the rest of the school district The Institute looks forward to continuing this unique partnership with the school district to provide formative opportunities for SLAs students, who come from more than 60 different middle schools The Franklin Institute also develops model programs in science learning for the K12 education community that are delivered both inside and outside the museum walls, including in 52 branches of the Free Library of Philadelphia				

4b	(Code)	(Expenses \$ 17,246,682	including grants of \$)	(Revenue \$ 17,957,553)
MUSEUM ADMISSIONS & OPERATIONS As the most visited museum in the Commonwealth and a top-five tounst destination in the City of Philadelphia, The Franklin Institute serves as both a prominent educational and cultural resource, and as an anchor of the local economy In 2015, the Institute welcomed 888,084 visitors to the museum, including 156,136 children who came as part of school groups, representing every county in Pennsylvania and surrounding states including New Jersey, Delaware, and New York The Franklin Institutes longstanding reputation helps to elevate the Commonwealth and the City of Philadelphia as models for cultural and informal education excellence The Institute welcomes visitors of all ages to explore science in interactive exhibits and public programs The Institute remains fully committed to providing an exceptional experience for its many visitors and increasing service to its audience, extending the Institute's mission-to-inspire passion for learning about science and technology-to children and families throughout Greater Philadelphia, regardless of means, remains, as always, at the heart of its priorities It does so through outstanding exhibits and many education and outreach programs, especially those for underserved youth and families such as Community Night, and the Student Access Program that welcomes students from under-resourced schools, free of charge In 2015, the Institute hosted Body Worlds Animal Inside Out, where visitors embarked on an anatomical safan to explore the intricate biology, zoology, and physiology of the worlds most spectacular creatures both large and small, Sesame Street Presents The Body, where visitors learned all about their body from the inside out featuring Sesame Street characters and interactives that covered everything from how the body works during different modes of transportation to germs The Institutes blockbuster show Art of the Brnck, which showcased artistic creations built from LEGO brncks welcomed 336,000 visitors, and Vatican Splendors Life and Faith in Ancient Time, displayed pnceless works of art on loan from the Vatican Museum in Rome, many of which had never before left Italy, and offered visitors special science programming on art conservation and preservation Timed to coincide with the historic visit of Pope Francis, Vatican Splendors welcomed diverse audiences from across the city and around the world to the Institute to experience a piece of the Vatican nght here in Philadelphia The three Institute theaters the Fels Planetarium, the Franklin 3D Theater, and the Tuttleman IMAX, opened new worlds to hundreds of thousands of visitors The frequently updated schedule of IMAX documentary programming in 2015 included Forces of Nature, Titans of the Ice Age, Journey to Space, Born to be Wild, Humpback Whales, and Great White Shark The Institutes Franklin Theater provided museum guests with engaging and educational 3D films throughout the day, including Mysteries of the Unseen World, Kenya, Watermelon Magic, Walking with Dinosaurs Prehistoric Planet, and The Last Reef amongst its 2015 offerngs The Institutes historic Fels Planetanum continued to offer out-of-this-world shows including the first Franklin Institute-produced full-dome planetanum show, To Space and Back, along with Wildest Weather in the Solar System, The Sky Tonight, and Dark Universe During the 2015 calendar year, 1,779 people volunteered their time at the Institute, equivalent to 41 full time positions From working at the Brain Bar on the floor to staffing the Philadelphia Science Festival to working behind the scenes to catalog items in the archives, the Institutes volunteers provide valuable assistance-literally The total value of volunteer and intern time donated to the Institute in 2015 equals more than \$ 1.8 million The Franklin Institute welcomed 75 college interns from schools across the state in 2015, who contributed over 10,000 hours out of their busy schedules In addition to lending the Institute their skills, they learned on-the-job lessons that will help them in the tough market, and gained experience as museum educators Another group of volunteers are the retired scientists, engineers, and inventors who work on the floor explaining the exhibits and demonstrations to visitors Still other volunteers work with students in the Partnerships for Achieving Careers in Technology and Science (PACTS) program, teaching them how to build robots, design buildings, and become who they want to be Other volunteers include the members of the Committee on Science and the Arts, who help to select the Franklin Awards laureates each year, and the many members of the community who serve on boards such as the Friends Committee, the Awards Committee, and the Board of Trustees				

4c	(Code)	(Expenses \$ 1,324,393	including grants of \$ 250,000)	(Revenue \$ 1,628,151)
FRANKLIN INSTITUTE AWARDS & OTHER PROJECTS For nearly two centunes The Franklin Institute Awards Program has recognized outstanding achievements in science and technology, celebrated the pursuit of excellence, and provided dynamic connections between the Institute and the academic, scientific, and business communities On April 23, the sold-out Franklin Institute Awards Ceremony and Dinner was the culmination of a full week of inspiring events Awards Week, which began the Monday before the Awards Ceremony and Dinner, included a series of public symposia and lectures that provided opportunities for the internationally distinguished laureates to share their discoverenes, experiences, and views with public audiences Other Awards Week activities included Laureates Laboratory, a session at the Institute in which the laureates participated in interactive demonstrations of their work geared toward visiting students, and the Meet the Scientists program, which was moderated by students from the PACTS program One highlight of the 2015 Awards Ceremony and Dinner was the conferring of the 2015 Bower Business Award to Jon M. Huntsman, Sr. He received this award for his innovative leadership in founding the Huntsman Corporation and building it into one of the world's preeminent chemical companies, and for his global leadership in philanthropy, with a special focus on cancer research and treatment in support of some of the highest-impact developments towards cuning cancer The 2015 Bower Award for Achievement in Science and its accompanying \$250,000 prize was conferred to Jean-Pierre Kruth, Ph.D. For his pioneering research in additive manufacturing (3D printing), which led to many technological innovations and several global companies His work has inspired further research, enabled the creation of many patents, and built the foundation for others businesses Eight other scientists, each of whom represents the pinnacle of revolutionary achievement in their respective fields, received awards, including Dr. Steven Lippard (chemistry), Dr. Syukuro Manabe (earth and environmental science), Dr. Roger Harrington (electrical engineering), Dr. Elissa Newport (computer and cognitive science), Dr. Comelia Bargmann (life science), and Dr. Charles Kane, Dr. Eugene Mele, and Dr. Shoucheng Zhang (all physics) The Journal of The Franklin Institute, the second oldest scholarly journal in continuous publication in the United States, has increased the volume of articles per issue, as well as the readership All 190 years of the Journal are available online through libraries and research institutions A key part of the visitor experience at The Franklin Institute is science programming During the year the Institute offered five different experiential packages for grades 3-12 The packages combined an exhibit with related theater and workshop programs, and were designed to support National Science Education Standards The Institutes website continues to serve as a popular source of complementary information for educators and the general public alike, nearly 3 million people visited the website in 2015 More than 137,000 students and adults from Connecticut to Northern Virginia were inspired by traveling science shows presented in hundreds of locations The Institute has long been a leader in providing professional development offerings for teachers throughout the region While teachers may only have one opportunity to bring their students to the museum each year, The Franklin Institutes wealth of educator resources and workshops enables teachers to bring the spark for hands-on science interaction into their daily lessons The Institutes professional development programs build teachers confidence, and help them to align classroom education with nationally mandated standards and with inquiry-based learning activities Extracurricular activities for youth filled weekends and vacations Discovery Camp, Spring Break Camp, and the Schools Closed Camp welcomed thousands of youngsters, and the weekend overnight Camp-In program drew nearly 7,000 young people				

See Additional Data

4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)	(Expenses \$ 5,660,214	including grants of \$)	(Revenue \$ 314,924)
4e	Total program service expenses ►	30,687,302		

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 Yes	
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	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10 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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b Yes	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
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 Yes	
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 Yes	
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	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	Yes	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		No
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		No
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	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, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	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	153	
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	
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	521	
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? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	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	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	Yes	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O	43	
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	42	
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?	Yes	
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?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	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		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?		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?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	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	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	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	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	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	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	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?	Yes	
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?	Yes	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **CA , CT , FL , MD , MA , NJ , NY , PA**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 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
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Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐

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.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons

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

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Part VII

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
See Additional Data Table										
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								2,646,318	0	255,085

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **19**

	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 Yes	
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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Harmelin Media, 525 Righters Ferry Road BALA CYNWYD, PA 19004	Media Consultation	1,720,867
Art Guild Inc, 300 Wolf Drive WEST DEPTFORD, NJ 08086	Creative Design/Fab	1,285,144
Skanska USA, 518 East Township Line Road Suite BLUE BELL, PA 19422	Bldg Construction	776,037
ABM Janitorial, Lockbox 787401 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19178	Janitorial	734,030
Frog Commissary Catering, 222 North 20th Street PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103	Caterng/Food Serv	594,282

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 **24**

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

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

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b	132,833				
	c	Fundraising events	1c	573,943				
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	65,000				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	5,140,404				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		601,999				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f			5,912,180			
Program Service Revenue	2a	MUSEUM ADMISSIONS	Business Code					
			900099	11,050,321	11,050,321			
	b	ANCILLARY ACTIVITIES	900099	4,370,200	3,878,655	491,545		
	c	GRANTS	900099	3,598,628	3,598,628			
	d	MEMBERSHIPS	900099	2,851,958	2,851,958			
	e	EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & SERVICES	611710	2,175,433	2,169,311	6,122		
	f	All other program service revenue		1,628,151	1,628,151			
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f			25,674,691			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		628,215			628,215	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .		0				
	5	Royalties		428,757			428,757	
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b	Less rental expenses					
		c	Rental income or (loss)	0	0			
		d	Net rental income or (loss)		0			
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	74,703,635				
		c	Gain or (loss)	68,215,179				
		d	Net gain or (loss)		6,488,456			6,488,456
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 573,943 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . .	a	177,368				
		b	Less direct expenses	b	269,134			
		c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .		-91,766			-91,766
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
		b	Less direct expenses	b				
		c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		0			
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . .	a	748,352				
		b	Less cost of goods sold	b				
		c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .		748,352	748,352		
	Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
	11a							
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			0				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions			39,788,885	25,925,376	497,667	7,453,662	

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.	0			
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	0			
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	250,000	250,000		
4	Benefits paid to or for members.	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	2,191,295	1,214,797	660,484	316,014
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).	0			
7	Other salaries and wages.	10,297,498	8,503,298	767,179	1,027,021
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	697,282	542,866	79,616	74,800
9	Other employee benefits.	2,051,123	1,031,203	914,932	104,988
10	Payroll taxes.	920,718	716,821	105,128	98,769
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.	0			
b	Legal.	766,210		766,210	
c	Accounting.	64,950		64,950	
d	Lobbying.	0			
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	51,163			51,163
f	Investment management fees.	0			
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	1,296,776	1,133,504	162,970	302
12	Advertising and promotion.	1,630,396	1,624,972	5,424	
13	Office expenses.	936,267	696,651	70,516	169,100
14	Information technology.	223,883	222,797	101	985
15	Royalties.	551,733	551,625		108
16	Occupancy.	2,655,451	2,651,283	1,051	3,117
17	Travel.	620,634	555,565	27,993	37,076
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	56,491	43,504	5,060	7,927
20	Interest.	585,038	585,038		
21	Payments to affiliates.	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	5,075,262	5,075,262		
23	Insurance.	394,682	336,894	57,788	
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 AND EXHIBIT SUPPLIES,	3,039,129	3,038,244	885	
b	GRANT SUBCONTRACT EXPENSES	845,630	845,630		
c	EVENT EXPENSES	416,955	410,027	6,928	
d	CULTIVATION & FULFILLMENT	319,522	172,726	2,701	144,095
e	All other expenses	798,046	484,595	240,298	73,153
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	36,736,134	30,687,302	3,940,214	2,108,618
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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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 X ☐

				(A)		(B)
				Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		0	1	0
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		8,631,089	2	5,570,037
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		4,977,127	3	3,900,193
	4	Accounts receivable, net		1,491,298	4	4,203,009
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		0	5	0
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		0	6	0
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		0	7	0
	8	Inventories for sale or use		15,571	8	14,667
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		1,425,700	9	913,904
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 168,976,438	88,865,561	10c	87,762,230
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 81,214,208			
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		38,156,270	11	36,991,412
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		15,841,574	12	15,160,230
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		451,579	13	307,869
	14	Intangible assets		0	14	0
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		116,932	15	106,690
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		159,972,701	16	154,930,241
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		8,435,191	17	7,702,526
	18	Grants payable		0	18	0
	19	Deferred revenue		784,174	19	3,278,914
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		15,755,000	20	13,278,000
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		0	21	0
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		0	22	0
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		0	23	0
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		0	24	0
	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		0	25	0
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		24,974,365	26	24,259,440
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.					
	27	Unrestricted net assets		84,401,990	27	84,374,811
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		32,327,547	28	28,731,642
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		18,268,799	29	17,564,348
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.					
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances		134,998,336	33	130,670,801
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		159,972,701	34	154,930,241

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	39,788,885
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	36,736,134
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	3,052,751
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . .	4	134,998,336
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-7,853,115
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	-17,000
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	489,829
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	130,670,801

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 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	Yes	
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	Yes	

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
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Name: Franklin Institute

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code Interest	) (Expenses \$	584,952	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$)
(Code Depreciation	) (Expenses \$	5,075,262	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$)

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code	) (Expenses \$	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$	314,924)
Theaters UBI				

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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			
Larry Dubinski President & CEO	37 5 0 0	X		X				456,125	0	45,159
Donald E Morel Jr PhD Chair	1 0 0 0	X		X				0	0	0
Sandra K Baldino Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Michael F Barry Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Joel A Bernstein Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Wade H Berrettini MD PhD Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Suzanne Boda Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Renee B Booth PhD Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Donald E Callaghan Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Michael F Camardo Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Troy Carter Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Robert Chappellear Trustee (Term End 2015)	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Peter K Classen Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Annie Duke Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Stephen J Felice Trustee (Term End 2015)	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Michael C Forman Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
John T Fries Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Christopher Gali Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Toni Garrison Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Elizabeth H Gemmill Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Richard J Green Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Grete Greenacre Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Richard A Greenawalt Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Paul C Heintz Esq Trustee (Term End 2015)	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Frances E Jensen MD FACP Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Nooruddin Karsan Trustee (Term End 2015)	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Stephen E Kelly Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Charisse R Lillie Esq Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Ira M Lubert Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Thomas Lynch Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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			
James J Maguire Jr Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Miriam G Mandell Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Sandra G Marshall Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Christopher McIsaac Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Robert S McMenamin Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Denis P O'Brien Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Paul Offit MD Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Jane Palmieri Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Marvin Samson Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Michael A Sanchez Trustee (Term End 2015)	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0

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(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			
William Sigmund Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Joan N Stern Esq Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
James G Stewart Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
I Steven Udvarhelyi MD Trustee (Term End 2015)	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Richard W Vague Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Tina Wells Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
David R White Trustee (Term End 2015)	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Paul H Woodruff PE Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Harold L Yoh III Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Karen Zimmer MD Trustee	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
The Honorable Darrell L Clarke Trustee, Ex Officio	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Pam Green Trustee, Ex Officio (end 2015)	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
William R Hite Trustee, Ex Officio	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Margaret Hughes Trustee, Ex Officio (end 2015)	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
The Honorable Michael Nutter Trustee, Ex Officio	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Mollie Lawrence Trustee, Ex Officio	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Dennis O'Brien Trustee, Ex Officio	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Nancy Ronning Trustee, Ex Officio	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Michelle W Singer Trustee, Ex Officio	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Gerard F Jones Trustee, Ex Officio	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
The Honorable Tom Wolf Trustee, Ex Officio	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Marsha R Perelman Trustee, Ementus	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
William J Avery Trustee, Ementus	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
James A Unruh Trustee, Ementus	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
K Siobhan Keefe VP of Finance & Treasurer	37 5 0 0			X				161,668	0	17,623
Julie Appolloni VP of Strategic Initiatives	37 5 0 0				X			156,235	0	9,394
Fredenc M N Bertley Phd SVP for Science	37 5 0 0				X			223,680	0	31,675
Troy Collins SVP - Earned Rev , Mrktg & Ops	37 5 0 0				X			246,097	0	29,135
RICHARD D RABENA VP Ops & Capital Projects	37 5 0 0				X			179,420	0	30,150
REID O STYLES VP Human Resources	37 5 0 0				X			175,236	0	19,859

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Kara Callahan Director of Marketing	37 5 0 0					X		119,089	0	13,396
Karen Elinich Dir -Science Content & Learn	37 5 0 0					X		121,689	0	13,872
Kathryn Giorgianni AVP -I/T Services	37 5 0 0					X		141,752	0	27,017
Susan Poulton Chief Digital Officer	37 5 0 0					X		132,618	0	5,309
Lois Switken Director of Sales and Catenng	37 5 0 0					X		122,867	0	12,496
Dennis Wint PHD Former President & CEO	1 0 0 0						X	409,842	0	0

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization Franklin Institute	Employer identification number 23-1370501
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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 11, check only one box)

1

☐

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

2

☐

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

3

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

4

☐

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

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☐

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

☐

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

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

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

11

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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 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g

a

☐

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

b

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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- 9 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 fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)	11,452,312	10,813,204	15,267,620	17,807,535	5,912,180	61,252,851
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	11,452,312	10,813,204	15,267,620	17,807,535	5,912,180	61,252,851
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)						13,997,792
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						47,255,059

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	11,452,312	10,813,204	15,267,620	17,807,535	5,912,180	61,252,851
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,335,424	1,209,233	1,121,728	1,077,399	1,056,972	5,800,756
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)						0
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						67,053,607
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	104,867,742
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	70.474 %
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	71.440 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015. 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2014. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. 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—2014. 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 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.	1	
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).	2	
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.	3a	
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.	3b	
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.	3c	
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.	4a	
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.	4b	
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.	4c	
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).	5a	
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b	
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c	
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	6	
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).	7	
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).	8	
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9a	
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9b	
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9c	
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below.	10a	
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)	10b	
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a	
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.	11c	

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>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.</i></div>		
<div>2</div> <div>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? <i>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.</i></div>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>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)? <i>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).</i></div>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

<div>1</div> <div>Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).</div> <div><div>a</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.</div></div> <div><div>b</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.</div></div> <div><div>c</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).</div></div>		
<div>2</div> <div>Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.</div>		
<div>a</div> <div>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? <i>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.</i></div>		
<div>b</div> <div>Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>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.</i></div>		
<div>3</div> <div>Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.</div>		
<div>a</div> <div>Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.</div>		
<div>b</div> <div>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.</div>		

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 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E ☐

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

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

Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013.			
e From 2014.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			

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).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization Franklin Institute	Employer identification number 23-1370501
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV	
2	Political expenditures	▶ \$ _____
3	Volunteer hours	_____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	▶ \$ _____
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	▶ \$ _____
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4a	Was a correction made?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV	

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$ _____
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$ _____
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	▶ \$ _____
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV	

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A

Check

☐

if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

B

Check

☐

if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	36,736,134													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	36,736,134													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	1,000,000													
<table><tr><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	250,000													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-														
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?														

☒ Yes

☐ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					6,000,000
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,000,000
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,500,000
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.
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Franklin Institute

Employer identification number
23-1370501

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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

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)
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of open space

☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

2

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

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

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

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

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

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► \$

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

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

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

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

b

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

(i)

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

2

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

a

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

Part III

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

(continued)

3

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

a

☒ Public exhibition

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

b

☐ Scholarly research

e

☐ Other

c

☒ Preservation for future generations

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

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

Amount

1c

1d

1e

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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	38,156,270	38,104,799	33,798,367	31,319,598	34,065,273
b Contributions	145,456		1,164,210	164,210	
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	269,566	1,565,619	4,610,933	3,716,123	-1,290,611
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	1,579,880	1,514,148	1,468,711	1,401,564	1,455,064
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	36,991,412	38,156,270	38,104,799	33,798,367	31,319,598

2

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

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 27 000 %

b

Permanent endowment ▶ 7 000 %

c

Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ 66 000 %

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

Yes

No

3a(i)

Yes

No

3a(ii)

b

If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

4

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

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to 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)	Accumulated (c)depreciation	(d)Book value
1a Land		12,000,000		12,000,000
b Buildings		88,698,347	31,599,431	57,098,916
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		7,569,649	5,344,053	2,225,596
e Other		60,708,442	44,270,724	16,437,718
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) ▶				87,762,230

Schedule D (Form 990) 2015

Part II

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	32,777,975
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-7,853,115
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	62,000
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	780,205
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-7,010,910
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	39,788,885
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	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	39,788,885

Part XIII

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	37,105,510
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	79,000
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	290,376
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	369,376
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	36,736,134
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	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	36,736,134

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
Collections of Art, historical treasures or similar other assets	Schedule D, Part III, Line 1a Collection assets of the Institute have not been capitalized nor recognized. Collection items are held as historical treasures and are under the stewardship of the Institute acting through its President and Senior Curator. Schedule D, Part III, Line 4 The historical and interpretive collections of The Franklin Institute are organized into three types of holdings: Museum, Archives, and Library. They each play an instrumental role in educational and public programming through permanent and temporary gallery exhibitions, development initiatives, outreach, marketing, and promotional activities, and internet-based presentations.

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation
FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote	Schedule D, Part X, Line 2 The Institute has been granted exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), and has been classified as an organization, which is not a private foundation under Section 509(a) of the Code. Certain unrelated business income is subject to federal income taxes. Management has reviewed the tax positions for each of the open tax years (2012 - 2014) or those expected to be taken in the Institute's 2015 tax return and has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions that would require recognition in the financial statements.
Reconciliation of Revenue with AFS	Schedule D, Part XI, Line 2d Fundraising Event Direct Expenses \$269,134 Net Unrealized Gain on Interest Rate Swap 207,037 Net Actuarial Gain on Defined Benefit Retirement Plan 304,034 ----- -- Total \$780,205 =====
Reconciliation of Expense with AFS	Schedule D, Part XII, Line 2d Fundraising Event Direct Expenses \$269,134 Items Capitalized in Subsequent Year 21,242 ----- Total \$290,376 =====

**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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

► **Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

Department of the Treasury
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Name of the organization
Franklin Institute

Employer identification number

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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

- For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States
- Activities 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 region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e g , 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 region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1) Middle East and North Africa	0	7	Program Services	Egypt STEM School	422,126
(2) South America	0	4	Program Services	STEM exchange Program	16,834
(3) Europe (Including Iceland and Greenland)	0		Grantmaking		250,000
(4)					
(5)					
3a Sub-total	0	11			688,960
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	11			688,960

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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 non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									

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 ▶

3

Enter total number of other organizations or entities ▶

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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 non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1) BOWER AWARD CASH PRIZE TO LAUREATE	Europe (Including Iceland and Greenland)	1	250,000	Check			
(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)*

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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 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, do not file with Form 990)*

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Yes

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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)*

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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)*

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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 file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713, do not file with Form 990)*

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Yes

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No

Part V Supplemental Information

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

990 Schedule F, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds outside the U S	THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE AWARDS ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH THE BOWER AWARD AND PRIZE FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE EACH YEAR THE AWARD WINNER IS CHOSEN BY THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND THE ARTS, FOLLOWING A FORMAL NOMINATION AND DELIBERATION PERIOD THE PRIZE MONEY AWARDED IS NOT A GRANT, SO MONITORING OF FUNDS IS NOT REQUIRED OR APPROPRIATE

990 Schedule F, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Grants Under 5,000	The Franklin Institute makes de Minimis scholarship and participant support/honoraria payments to individuals throughout its normal course of business. None of these payments exceeded \$5,000. Payments for scholarships are made to the student's schools directly rather than to the individual, thereby ensuring proper use of scholarship funds. The Franklin Institute does not issue grants to individuals or organizations.

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Franklin Institute

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

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23-1370501

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 ten 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 Mae Daniller Co 3724 Jefferson Suite 302 Austin, TX 78731	Mailings		No	91,190	95,328	-4,138
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶				91,190	95,328	-4,138

- 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.
- AZ, CA, CT, FL, MD, MA, NJ, NY, PA, WA

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 Franklin Awards (event type)	(b)Event #2 (event type)	(c)Other events 0 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Direct Expenses	1 Gross receipts	751,311			751,311
	2 Less Contributions	573,943			573,943
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	177,368			177,368
	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages	142,099			142,099
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	127,035			127,035
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				269,134
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				-91,766

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> 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

b

An outside facility

13a

%

13b

%

14

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

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

b

An outside facility

13a

%

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 complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization
Franklin Institute

Employer identification number
23-1370501

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
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. <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div>		
b If any of the boxes in 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	Yes	
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 in line 1a?	Yes	
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. <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div>		
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?	Yes	
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?		No
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		No
Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: a The organization?		No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III		No
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?		No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III		No
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	Yes	
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		No
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?		

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 Larry Dubinski President & CEO	(i)	342,875 ----- 0	102,974 ----- 0	10,276 ----- 0	17,327 ----- 0	27,832 ----- 0	501,284 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
2 K Siobhan Keefe VP of Finance & Treasurer	(i)	150,957 ----- 0	10,000 ----- 0	711 ----- 0	9,119 ----- 0	8,504 ----- 0	179,291 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
3 Julie Appolloni VP of Strategic Initiatives	(i)	143,554 ----- 0	12,500 ----- 0	181 ----- 0	8,557 ----- 0	837 ----- 0	165,629 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
4 Frederic M N Bertley Phd SVP for Science	(i)	183,104 ----- 0	39,794 ----- 0	782 ----- 0	10,777 ----- 0	20,898 ----- 0	255,355 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
5 Troy Collins SVP - Earned Rev , Mrktg & Ops	(i)	207,281 ----- 0	38,011 ----- 0	805 ----- 0	12,437 ----- 0	16,698 ----- 0	275,232 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
6 RICHARD D RABENA VP Ops & Capital Projects	(i)	158,966 ----- 0	18,933 ----- 0	1,521 ----- 0	10,295 ----- 0	19,855 ----- 0	209,570 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
7 REID O STYLES VP Human Resources	(i)	154,046 ----- 0	17,898 ----- 0	3,292 ----- 0	9,736 ----- 0	10,123 ----- 0	195,095 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
8 Kathryn Giorgianni AVP -I/T Services	(i)	140,027 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	1,725 ----- 0	9,103 ----- 0	17,914 ----- 0	168,769 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
9 Dennis Wint PHD Former President & CEO	(i)	0 ----- 0	35,000 ----- 0	374,842 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	409,842 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							

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.

Return Reference	Explanation
Health & Social Club Dues	Schedule J, Part I, Line 1a During 2015, The Franklin Institute provided membership in the Union League of Philadelphia for the President and CEO. The membership is principally for business purposes.
Sevarance Payments	Schedule J, Part I, Line 4 The Franklin Institute paid severance in the amount of \$374,842 to former President and CEO Dennis Wint in 2015.
Non-Fixed Payments	Schedule J, Part I, Line 7 Refer to Schedule O, disclosure for FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A and 15B, PROCESS USED TO DETERMINE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 23-1370501
Name: Franklin Institute

Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1Larry Dubinski President & CEO	(i)	342,875	102,974	10,276	17,327	27,832	501,284	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1K Siobhan Keefe VP of Finance & Treasurer	(i)	150,957	10,000	711	9,119	8,504	179,291	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2Julie Appolloni VP of Strategic Initiatives	(i)	143,554	12,500	181	8,557	837	165,629	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3Fredenc M N Bertley Phd SVP for Science	(i)	183,104	39,794	782	10,777	20,898	255,355	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4Troy Collins SVP - Earned Rev , Mrktg & Ops	(i)	207,281	38,011	805	12,437	16,698	275,232	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5RICHARD D RABENA VP Ops & Capital Projects	(i)	158,966	18,933	1,521	10,295	19,855	209,570	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6REID O STYLES VP Human Resources	(i)	154,046	17,898	3,292	9,736	10,123	195,095	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7Kathryn Giorgianni AVP -I/T Services	(i)	140,027	0	1,725	9,103	17,914	168,769	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8Dennis Wint PHD Former President & CEO	(i)	0	35,000	374,842	0	0	409,842	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part I Bond Issues											
(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(i) Pool financing	
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
A Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development	23-2237287	717818QG8	03-22-2006	14,095,000	Refinanced debt, funding for prior		X		X		X
B Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development	23-2237287		09-30-2013	11,000,000	Funding for capital projects		X		X		X

Part II		Proceeds							
		A		B		C		D	
1	Amount of bonds retired	1,715,000		10,102,000					
2	Amount of bonds legally defeased	0		0					
3	Total proceeds of issue	14,265,843		11,000,000					
4	Gross proceeds in reserve funds	0		0					
5	Capitalized interest from proceeds	0		0					
6	Proceeds in refunding escrows	0		0					
7	Issuance costs from proceeds	206,552		0					
8	Credit enhancement from proceeds	5,358		0					
9	Working capital expenditures from proceeds	0		0					
10	Capital expenditures from proceeds	0		4,491,358					
11	Other spent proceeds	14,058,055		0					
12	Other unspent proceeds	0		0					
13	Year of substantial completion	1990		2014					
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
14	Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?		X		X				
15	Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?	X			X				
16	Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?	X		X					
17	Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?	X		X					

Part III Private Business Use									
		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?		X		X				
2	Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X		X				

Part III Private Business Use (Continued)

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
3a	Are there any management or service contracts that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X		X				
b	If "Yes" to line 3a, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts relating to the financed property?								
c	Are there any research agreements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X		X				
d	If "Yes" to line 3c, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any research agreements relating to the financed property?								
4	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government ▶	0 %		0 %					
5	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government ▶								
6	Total of lines 4 and 5								
7	Does the bond issue meet the private security or payment test?		X		X				
8a	Has there been a sale or disposition of any of the bond-financed property to a nongovernmental person other than a 501(c)(3) organization since the bonds were issued?		X		X				
b	If "Yes" to line 8a, enter the percentage of bond-financed property sold or disposed of								
c	If "Yes" to line 8a, was any remedial action taken pursuant to Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?		X		X				
9	Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of the issue are remediated in accordance with the requirements under Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?	X		X					

Part IV Arbitrage

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate?	X			X				
2	If "No" to line 1, did the following apply?								
a	Rebate not due yet?			X					
b	Exception to rebate?								
c	No rebate due?								
	If "Yes" to line 2c, provide in Part VI the date the rebate computation was performed								
3	Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?	X		X					
4a	Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?	X			X				
b	Name of provider	Bank of America		0					
c	Term of hedge	20 %							
d	Was the hedge superintegrated?		X						
e	Was the hedge terminated?		X						

Part IV

Arbitrage (Continued)

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
5a	Were gross proceeds invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC)?		X		X				
b	Name of provider	0		0					
c	Term of GIC								
d	Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?								
6	Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?		X		X				
7	Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148? . . .	X		X					

Part V

Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that violations of federal tax requirements are timely identified and corrected through the voluntary closing agreement program if self-remediation is not available under applicable regulations?		X		X					

Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
PART II LINE 3 COLUMN A	TOTAL PROCEEDS OF ISSUE ISSUE PRICE PLUS INVESTMENT EARNINGS

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

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►Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.

► Attach to Form 990.

►Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Franklin Institute

Employer identification number
23-1370501

Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	11	601,999	Market Value
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► ()				
26 Other ► ()				
27 Other ► ()				
28 Other ► ()				

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

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

30a

Yes

No

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

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Yes

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

32a

Yes

b If "Yes," describe in Part II

33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

Part II

Supplemental Information.

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

Return Reference	Explanation
Third Party Assistance of Noncash Contributions	Schedule M, Part I, Line 32b With one exception in 2015, the Franklin Institute utilizes a broker to immediately sell any gifts of securities upon receipt of the gift. The one exception in 2015 was made for various stocks received on February 19, 2015 for a perpetual trust, in which corpus receipts by the perpetual trust is required to be held in perpetuity based on the perpetual trust agreement.

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(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the
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Internal Revenue
Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization
Franklin Institute

Employer identification number

23-1370501

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Return Reference	Explanation
BUSINESS OR FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2 Renee B Booth, PhD has a business relationship with The Franklin Institute Michael F Camardo has a business relationship with Harold L Yoh III Michael C Forman has a business relationship with Richard W Vague, Richard J Green and Ira M Lubert John T Fries has a business relationship with Ira M Lubert Charisse R Lillie, Esq has a business relationship with Michelle W Singer
FORM 990 REVIEW PROCESS	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11 IRS Form 990 is prepared and reviewed by the accounting firm of Grant Thornton A draft is then sent to the Institute to review and ask any questions, as well as answer any comments or questions The audit committee of the board of trustees then reviews the draft of the 990 and approves the Form 990 prior to the form being filed with the IRS A complete copy of the Form 990 is provided to the board prior to filing with the IRS

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C The Franklin Institute board members and senior management staff complete an annual conflict of interest questionnaire and disclosure form, which includes acknowledging receipt of, and familiarity with, The Institute's code of conduct and ethics policy. In addition, all employees receive the code of conduct and ethics policy approved by the Board of Trustees. The Vice President of Finance reviews the completed annual conflict of interest questionnaires and provides a summary for review by the audit committee.
PROCESS USED TO DETERMINE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A and 15B The process The Franklin Institute uses to establish compensation for Officers and key employees includes a complete review of executive compensation levels by the Compensation Committee of The Board of Trustees of The Franklin Institute. The review is based on a market analysis prepared by The Hay Group using published compensation surveys for both Not-For-Profit and For-Profit organizations comparable in size to The Franklin Institute. The Compensation Committee develops recommendations for the President and CEO's compensation and refers its recommendations to the Executive Committee of The Board of Trustees for approval. Recommendations are made by the President and CEO to The Compensation Committee for approval of actions regarding the compensation of Senior Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents.

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HOW DOCUMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC	Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19 The Franklin Institute's Form 990 is posted annually on Guidestar org The Franklin Institute publishes an annual report, which includes the audited Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets and the audited Statement of Financial Position The Franklin Institute's governing documents, conflicts of interest policy and financial statements are made available upon request
Other Changes in Net Assets & Fund Balances	Form 990, Part XI, Line 5 Net Unrealized Gain on Interest Rate Swap \$207,037 Net Actuarial Gain on Defined Benefit Retirement Plan 304,034 Items Capitalized in Subsequent Year (21, 242) ----- Total \$489,829 =====