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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150

2015

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning , **2015**, and ending , **20**

B Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization WOLFRAM FOUNDATION		D Employer identification number 45-3729064	
	Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite		E Telephone number (217) 398-0700	
	100 TRADE CENTER DRIVE		F Group Exemption Number ▶	
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-7237			
	G Accounting Method <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ▶			H Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)
	I Website: ▶ HTTP://WWW.WOLFRAMFOUNDATION.ORG			
J Tax-exempt status (check only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527				
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other				

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 72,600.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	72,600.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0.
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		
c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less cost of goods sold	7b	0.	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	72,600.	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,800.
	14 Occupancy, rent; utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) ATCH. 1	16	11,651.
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	13,451.
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	59,149.
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	12,825.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	71,974.

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and compliance.

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I. **46** Yes No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 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 **47** Yes No

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E **48** Yes No

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? **49a** Yes No

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? **49b** Yes No

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 **f**

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . **d**

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

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: *Rebecca Lorth*
 Date: *May 12, 2016*
 Type or print name and title: *Rebecca Lorth, Vice-President*

Paid Preparer Use Only
 Print/Type preparer's name: BRIAN V SPRICK
 Preparer's signature: *Brian V. Sprick*
 Date: 05/12/2016
 Check if self-employed
 PTIN: P00638459
 Firm's name: PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP
 Firm's EIN: 13-4008324
 Firm's address: 800 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1900
 Phone no: 314-206-8500
 ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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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.

Name of the organization

WOLFRAM FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

45-3729064

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 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II)
- 9 An 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)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See section 509(a)(4).
- 11 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 **Type II** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 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		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

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")	5,000	ATCH 1 0	18,231	17,531	72,600	113,362
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	5,000		18,231	17,531	72,600	113,362
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)						0
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						113,362

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	5,000		18,231	17,531	72,600	113,362
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						0
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						113,362

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

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) **14** %

15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 **15** %

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 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.

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 VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

ATTACHMENT 1

SCHEDULE A, PART II - ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING ANY UNUSUAL GRANTS FOR 2012

<u>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
ALFRED P. SLOAN FOUNDATIO	03/21/2012	123,453.	CASH CONTRIBUTION REC'D FROM AN UNRELATED PARTY AND USED TO PAY PROGRAM EXPENSES FOR THE FOUNDATION'S eCF PROJECT
TOTAL		<u>123,453.</u>	

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

WOLFRAM FOUNDATION

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.

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Employer identification number

45-3729064

ATTACHMENT 1

FORM 990EZ, PART I - OTHER EXPENSES

FRANCHISE TAX
CONSULTING FEES

TOTAL

15.

11,636.

11,651.

ATTACHMENT 2

FORM 990EZ, PART II - CASH, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS

DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING
OF YEAR

END
OF YEAR

CASH

12,826.

71,974.

TOTALS

12,826.

71,974.

ATTACHMENT 3

FORM 990EZ, PART III - ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

TO HELP REALIZE THE PROMISE OF COMPUTATION, AND SUPPORT THE
DEMOCRATIZATION OF KNOWLEDGE BY AGGREGATING SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL
DATA FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, AS WELL AS TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT
OF SCIENTIFICALLY-BASED ENTREPRENEURIAL ENDEAVORS.

ATTACHMENT 4

FORM 990EZ, PART III - STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENT 1

THE "SEMATIC REPRESENTATION OF MATHEMATICAL KNOWLEDGE WORKSHOP"
WAS A UNIQUE EVENT THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER EXPERTS FROM COMPUTATION,
THEOREM PROVING, AS WELL AS PRACTISING MATHEMATICIANS TO DISCUSS
THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CREATION OF A PRECISE COMPUTER LANGUAGE TO
EXPRESS ARBITRARY MATHEMATICAL STATEMENTS.

Name of the organization

WOLFRAM FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

ATTACHMENT 5PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENT 2

THE WOLFRAM SUMMER PROGRAMS, SUPPORTED THROUGH THE WOLFRAM FOUNDATION, ARE FOUR SUMMER PROGRAMS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE USE OF SCIENCE AND COMPUTATION TO EXPLORE NEW AREAS OF RESEARCH, DEVELOP NEW INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY, AND STRENGTHEN STEM SKILLS.

WOLFRAM SCIENCE SUMMER SCHOOL IS A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND DO AN ORIGINAL PROJECT AT THE FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE, PRIMARILY FOR COLLEGE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS.

WOLFRAM INNOVATION SUMMER SCHOOL IS A NEW PROGRAM IN WHICH STUDENTS LEARN HANDS-ON FROM SENIOR STAFF AT WOLFRAM HOW TO APPLY WOLFRAM'S UNIQUE APPROACH TO CREATING IDEAS AND TURNING THEM INTO PRODUCTS AND COMPANIES.

WOLFRAM TECH INNOVATION SUMMER CAMP IS A CAMP PROVIDING A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL PRECOLLEGE STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY AND HOW TO CREATE IT.

WOLFRAM HIGH SUMMER CAMP IS A TWO-WEEK PROJECT-ORIENTED CAMP FOR HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS, TEACHING CUTTING-EDGE PROGRAMMING AND MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATION. THERE IS A TRACK FOR LEARNING PROGRAMMING SKILLS AND ITS USE IN LEARNING HIGHER MATH AS WELL AS A TRACK GEARED MORE TOWARD PROGRAMMING FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDENTS LOOKING TO DEVELOP AN INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY PROJECT.

ATTACHMENT 6PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENT 3

THE FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS INSTITUTE (FQXI), THROUGH THE SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, AWARDED THE WOLFRAM FOUNDATION A GRANT TO DEVELOP A HIGH PROFILE SERIES OF MASSIVE ONLINE OPEN COURSES (MOOCs) ON "THE PHYSICS OF INFORMATION" AND OTHER BIG QUESTIONS OF FOUNDATIONAL CHARACTER. THE PROJECT IS COLLABORATIVE WITH INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD AND KAROLINSKA INSTITUTE. THE PRIMARY AIM WAS THE DEVELOPEMENT OF THE MOOCs TO ACQUAINT THE INTERESTED PUBLIC WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN RESEARCH WITH A COMPUTATIONAL SLANT INTO THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS IN THE PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES. THE MATERIALS DEVELOPED WITH THIS GRANT ARE EXPECTED TO GO LIVE MID-2016 AND BE OFFERED AS COURSES ON COMPLEXITYEXPLORER, [HTTPS://WWW.COMPLEXITYEXPLORER.ORG/](https://www.complexityexplorer.org/). WE ANTICIPATE TO ENROLL AT LEAST 1,000 STUDENTS FOR EACH MOOC. THE MATERIALS HAVE ATTRACTED SEVERAL OTHER RESEARCHERS TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN MOOCs USING THIS PROJECT AS A MODEL.