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Form **990-PF****Return of Private Foundation**
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation**2015**

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For calendar year 2015 or tax year beginning 10/1/2015, and ending 12/31/2015

Name of foundation The Foundation for Excellence in Higher Education Inc			A Employer identification number 46-1439784	
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 16 Stockton Street		Room/suite		B Telephone number (see instructions) (730) 600-3733
City or town Princeton	State NJ	ZIP code 08540		
Foreign country name		Foreign province/state/country		
Foreign postal code		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐		
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change			D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐	
H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation			E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 8,852,423		J Accounting method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____		
F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐				

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	5,110,000			
	2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	3,967	3,967		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	40,897			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 946,499				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		40,897		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	5,154,864	44,864			
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)	1,343			
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	6,250			
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	17,731	2,731		
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	12,652			
	22 Printing and publications	1,955			
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	220			
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	40,151	2,731		
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	2,368,824			2,368,824
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	2,408,975	2,731		2,368,824	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	2,745,889				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		42,133			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)					

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions.)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing		1,083,770	1,971,397	1,971,397
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments				
	3 Accounts receivable ▶				
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶				
	4 Pledges receivable ▶	5,600,000			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶		2,500,000	5,600,000	5,600,000
	5 Grants receivable				
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶				
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶				
	8 Inventories for sale or use				
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				
	10a Investments—U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)				
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)		1,181,997	1,281,026	1,281,026
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)				
Liabilities	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶				
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶				
	12 Investments—mortgage loans				
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)				
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶				
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶				
	15 Other assets (describe ▶)				
	16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)		4,765,767	8,852,423	8,852,423
	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		172	4,706	
	18 Grants payable		2,842,000	4,173,124	
	19 Deferred revenue				
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)				
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)				
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)		2,842,172	4,177,830	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31. ▶ ☒				
	24 Unrestricted		1,418,595	-126,472	
	25 Temporarily restricted		505,000	4,801,065	
	26 Permanently restricted				
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. ▶ ☐				
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds				
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund				
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds				
	30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)		1,923,595	4,674,593	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)		4,765,767	8,852,423	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	1,923,595
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	2,745,889
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ Fair Market Value of Investments-Unrealized Gains	3	5,109
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	4,674,593
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	4,674,593

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a	Various Stock Sales	P	10/1/2015	12/31/2015
b				
c				
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)	
a 946,499		905,602	40,897	
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69				
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))	
a			40,897	
b				
c				
d				
e				
2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }		2	40,897
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 }		3	40,897

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

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see the instructions before making any entries			
(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2014	3,838,963	312,950	12.267017
2013	1,088,623	100,819	10.797796
2012	501,203	56,637	8.849392
2011			0.000000
2010			0.000000
2	Total of line 1, column (d)		2 31.914205
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years		3 10.638068
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5		4 2,216,152
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3		5 23,575,576
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)		6 421
7	Add lines 5 and 6		7 23,575,997
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.		8 2,381,476

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

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	843
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	843
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	843
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a	
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	843
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be. Credited to 2016 estimated tax Refunded	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)? <i>If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.</i>		X
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation \$ (2) On foundation managers \$		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers \$		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities</i>		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A	
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?		X
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV</i>	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) NJ		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by <i>General Instruction G</i> ? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i>		X
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>	X	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ▶	13	X	
14	The books are in care of ▶ Luis Tellez Telephone no ▶ (732) 600-3733 Located at ▶ 16 Stockton Street Princeton NJ ZIP+4 ▶ 08540			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041—Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ▶ 15			
16	At any time during calendar year 2015, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114 If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	16	Yes	No X

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

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

		Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		
(1)	Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(2)	Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(3)	Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(4)	Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(5)	Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(6)	Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days) ☐ Yes ☒ No		
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶ ☐	1b	N/A
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	1c	X
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))		
a	At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions) ▶	2b	N/A
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2015 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015)	3b	N/A
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	4b	X

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

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

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).**

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
See Attached Statement				

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

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

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000



Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."**

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 Grants for projects that educate young men and woman in the Western intellectual tradition. Total amount of grants awarded to 10 recipients	2,368,824
2	
3	
4	

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

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 Total program expenses for the creation of various Centers of Excellence near or within elite Universities	12,652
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	12,652

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

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	1,231,512
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	1,018,389
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	2,249,901
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	2,249,901
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2 % of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	33,749
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	2,216,152
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5. MIR Prorated - Short Year	6	27,930

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

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	27,930
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2a	843
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	843
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	27,087
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	27,087
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	27,087

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	2,368,824
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B	1b	12,652
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	2,381,476
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	2,381,476

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

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				27,087
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only				
b Total for prior years: 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010				
b From 2011				
c From 2012				
d From 2013				
e From 2014				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 2,381,476				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions)				
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount				27,087
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	2,354,389			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	2,354,389			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2016				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required—see instructions)	2,354,389			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011				
b Excess from 2012				
c Excess from 2013				
d Excess from 2014				
e Excess from 2015				

N/A

- ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

- (4) Gross investment income**

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Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Zephyr Institute 450 Serra Mall Stanford, CA 94305		PC	Research	210,000
The Elm Institute 129 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510		PC	Research	382,500
Hyde Park Institute 5500 S Woodlawn Avenue Chicago, IL 60637		PC	Research	25,000
The Abigail Adams Institute Inc 85 Brattle Street Cambridge, MA 02138		PC	Research	400,000
The Berkeley Institute PO Box 4503 Berkeley, CA 94704		PC	Research	252,700
ISPPR 20 Derby Street Cambridge, MA 02138		PC	Research	320,000
Collegium Institute 264 Montgomery Avenue Haverford, PA 19401		PC	Research	150,000
Americans for Oxford Inc 500 Fifth Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10110		PC	Research	190,500
Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture 1611 West Avenue Austin, TX 78701		PC	Research	222,500
The Whitterspoon Institute Inc 16 Stockton Street Princeton, NJ 08540		PC	Research	215,624
Total			3a	2,368,824
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
Total			3b	

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated		Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions)
		(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1	Program service revenue					
a						
b						
c						
d						
e						
f						
g	Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2	Membership dues and assessments					
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4	Dividends and interest from securities			14	3,967	
5	Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a	Debt-financed property					
b	Not debt-financed property					
6	Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7	Other investment income					
8	Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	40,897	
9	Net income or (loss) from special events					
10	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11	Other revenue a					
b						
c						
d						
e						
12	Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)				44,864	
13	Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)				13	44,864

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

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

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

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations? | |
| a | Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of | |
| | (1) Cash | 1 |
| | (2) Other assets | 1 |
| b | Other transactions | |
| | (1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization | 1 |
| | (2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization | 1 |
| | (3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets | 1 |
| | (4) Reimbursement arrangements | 1 |
| | (5) Loans or loan guarantees | 1 |
| | (6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations | 1 |
| c | Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees | |
| d | If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received | |

	Yes	No
		
1a(1)		X
1a(2)		X
		
1b(1)		X
1b(2)		X
1b(3)		X
1b(4)		X
1b(5)		X
1b(6)		X
1c		X

[illegible]

- 2a** Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If "Yes," complete the following schedule

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

**Sign
Here**

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

Signature of officer or trustee

14-VI-2016 Trustee
Date Title

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

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name

Douglas Ziegler

Preparer's signature _____

Date

6/10/2016

Check ☒ if self-employed

PTIN

P00035054

Firm's name ► Douglas Ziegler LLC

Firm's EIN ▶ 45-3985187

Firm's address ► 1 Airport Place, Ste 3, Princeton, NJ 08540

Phone no 732-600-3733

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

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

Name of the organization

The Foundation for Excellence in Higher Education Inc

Employer identification number

46-1439784

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

☐ 527 political organization

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☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

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

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3 % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$

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

Name of organization The Foundation for Excellence in Higher Education Inc	Employer identification number 46-1439784
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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Diana Davis Spencer Foundation Inc 3 Betherda Metro Center Bethesda MD 20814 Foreign State or Province _____ Foreign Country _____	\$ 5,000,000	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
2	Fieldstead and Company Inc PO Box 19599 Irvine CA 92623 Foreign State or Province _____ Foreign Country _____	\$ 100,000	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
	_____ _____ _____ Foreign State or Province _____ Foreign Country _____	\$ _____	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
	_____ _____ _____ Foreign State or Province _____ Foreign Country _____	\$ _____	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
	_____ _____ _____ Foreign State or Province _____ Foreign Country _____	\$ _____	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
	_____ _____ _____ Foreign State or Province _____ Foreign Country _____	\$ _____	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
	_____ _____ _____ Foreign State or Province _____ Foreign Country _____	\$ _____	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)

Name of organization The Foundation for Excellence in Higher Education Inc	Employer identification number 46-1439784
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Part II **Noncash Property** (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	-----
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
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Name of organization The Foundation for Excellence in Higher Education Inc	Employer identification number 46-1439784
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Part III **Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor.** Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$

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

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

Part I, Line 6 (990-PF) - Gain/Loss from Sale of Assets Other Than Inventory

Amount		Totals										Gross Sales	Cost or Other Basis, Expenses, Depreciation and Adjustments	Net Gain or Loss							
		Capital Gains/Losses																			
Long Term CG Distributions		Other sales															Cost or Other Basis	Expense of Sale and Cost of Improvements	Depreciation	Adjustments	Net Gain or Loss
Short Term CG Distributions																					
Description	CUSIP #	Check "X" to include in Part IV	Check "X" if Purchaser is a Business	Acquisition Method	Date Acquired	Date Sold	Gross Sales Price	Cost or Other Basis	Valuation Method	Expense of Sale and Cost of Improvements	Depreciation	Adjustments	Net Gain or Loss								
1 Various Stock Sales		X	X	P	10/1/2015	12/31/2015	946,499	905,602					40,897								

Part I, Line 16a (990-PF) - Legal Fees

		1,343			
Description		Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes (Cash Basis Only)
1	Legal Fees	1,343			

Part I, Line 16b (990-PF) - Accounting Fees

		6,250			
Description		Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes (Cash Basis Only)
1	Accounting Fees	6,250			

Part I, Line 16c (990-PF) - Other Professional Fees

		17,731	2,731		
Description		Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes (Cash Basis Only)
1	Investment Fees	2,731	2,731		
2	Consulting	15,000			

Part I, Line 18 (990-PF) - Taxes

Description		Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
1	Foreign Taxes on Investments				

Part I, Line 23 (990-PF) - Other Expenses

		220			
Description		Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
1	Office Expenses & Supplies	220			

Part II, Line 10b (990-PF) - Investments - Corporate Stock

		1,181,997	1,281,026	1,181,997	1,281,026	1,181,997	1,281,026
Description		Num Shares/ Face Value	Book Value Beg. of Year	Book Value End of Year	Book Value End of Year	FMV Beg. of Year	FMV End of Year
1	Various Investments		1,181,997	1,281,026	1,281,026	1,181,997	1,281,026

Part VII-A, Line 8b (990-PF) - Copy of Form 990-PF to Attorney General

Copy is file with State of New Jersey Charities Registration Department in lieu of Attorney General

Part VII-A, Line 10 (990-PF) - Substantial Contributors

Name		Check "X" if Business	Street	City	State	Zip Code	Foreign Country
1	See Schedule B						

Part VIII, Line 1 (990-PF) - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees and Foundation Managers

	Name	Check "X" if Business	Street	City	State	Zip Code	Foreign Country	Title	Avg Hrs Per Week	Compensation	Benefits	Expense Account
1	Joseph J. Frank		16 Stockton Street	Princeton	NJ	08540		Chairman	1.00			
2	John M Metzger		16 Stockton Street	Princeton	NJ	08540		Secretary	1.00			
3	Luiz E. Tellez		16 Stockton Street	Princeton	NJ	08540		President	1.00			
4	John Doherty		16 Stockton Street	Princeton	NJ	08540		Asst Treasurer	5.00			
5	Patrick Hough		16 Stockton Street	Princeton	NJ	08540		Director	1.00			
6	William P. Mumma		16 Stockton Street	Princeton	NJ	08540		Vice Chairman	1.00			
7	Peter R. Brucknerhoff		16 Stockton Street	Princeton	NJ	08540		Treasurer	1.00			