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Form 990



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2015, and ending 06-30-2016

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
614 WALNUT STREET 13TH FLOOR

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
MADISON, WI 53726

D Employer identification number
39-0833612

E Telephone number
(608) 263-2825

G Gross receipts \$ 76,936,142

F Name and address of principal officer
STEVEN MIXTACKI
614 WALNUT STREET 13TH FLOOR
MADISON, WI 53726

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

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

J Website: ▶ WWW.WARF.ORG

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

L Year of formation 1925

M State of legal domicile WI

Part I Summary				
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO PROVIDE THE MARGIN OF EXCELLENCE THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON NEEDS TO FULFILL ITS ROLE AS A TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY LEADER IN RESEARCH, DISCOVERY AND INNOVATION WE PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE, AND AID SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION AND RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON AND THE MORGRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH - WE HELP COMMERCIALIZE THE TECHNOLOGY ARISING FROM THAT RESEARCH FOR THE BENEFIT OF HUMANKIND - WE INVEST THE PROCEEDS OF THE COMMERCIALIZATION EFFORTS AND USE THE ADDED VALUE FROM OUR INVESTMENTS TO PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE, AND AID FURTHER SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION AND RESEARCH AT AND WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON AND THE MORGRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH			
	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	17	
Revenue	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	15	
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	150	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	398	
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	88,560	
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	-2,491,034	
Expenses	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year	
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	357,737	450,225	
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	38,069,760	21,891,130	
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	261,839,172	48,661,980	
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	5,924,432	5,932,807	
		306,191,101	76,936,142	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	80,735,409	104,403,000	
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0	
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	15,528,974	14,959,610	
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0	
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ ⁰			
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	66,386,109	60,378,900	
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	162,650,492	179,741,510	
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	143,540,609	-102,805,368	
Part II Signature Block	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		3,204,149,420	2,933,448,759
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20		704,836,893	490,036,160
			2,499,312,527	2,443,412,599

Sign Here

Signature of officer

2016-10-27

Date

STEVEN MIXTACKI CFO/COO

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name
JAMES G GRAHAM

Preparer's signature
JAMES G GRAHAM

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN
P00006111

Firm's name ▶ RSM US LLP

Firm's EIN ▶ 42-0714325

Firm's address ▶ 8020 EXCELSIOR DR STE 100

Phone no (608) 833-3361

MADISON, WI 53717

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

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1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

SEE PART I, LINE 1

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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

3

Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4

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

4a

(Code) (Expenses \$ 140,388,349 including grants of \$ 83,343,956) (Revenue \$ 23,829,247)

1) DIRECT FISCAL 2015-2016 GRANTS OF \$83,343,956 WERE MADE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON. THE GRANTS PROVIDED THE UNIVERSITY THE FLEXIBILITY TO CREATE COMPETITIVE PACKAGES TO RECRUIT OR RETAIN 110 PROFESSORS AND HELP FUND PROGRAMS TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN TOP QUALITY GRADUATE STUDENTS THROUGH THE FALL RESEARCH COMPETITION, THE FOUNDATION FUNDED 294 AWARDS AIMED AT SUPPORTING JUNIOR FACULTY AS THEY BUILD THEIR RESEARCH PROGRAMS AND PILOT STUDIES FOR EXTERNAL GRANT APPLICATIONS, AND FOR SENIOR FACULTY WHO APPLY FOR "INSURANCE" AGAINST EXTRA-MURAL GRANT APPLICATIONS. THE FOUNDATION ALSO MATCHED 85 GRANTS, WHICH ALLOWED THE UNIVERSITY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT EXTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT REQUIRED A MATCH FROM THE INSTITUTION. THE DIRECT GRANTS ALSO SUPPORTED 6 NAMED PROFESSORSHIPS, 10 NEW KELLETT MID-CAREER FELLOWSHIPS AND 8 NEW ROMNES FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS. IN ADDITION, 134 WARF GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS WERE WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY FUNDED BY THE FOUNDATION THROUGH THE ENDOWMENT FOR EXCELLENCE, THE FOUNDATION FUNDED 44 INTERDISCIPLINARY FACULTY MEMBERS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS, AGRONOMY, ASTRONOMY, BACTERIOLOGY, BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING, BIOCHEMISTRY, BIOMOLECULAR CHEMISTRY, BOTANY/STATISTICS, CHEMISTRY, COMPARATIVE BIOSCIENCES, COMPUTER SCIENCE, COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS, ENTOMOLOGY, ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING, ENGINEERING PHYSICS, GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES, GENETICS AND NEUROLOGY, MATERIAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, MATH/ECE, MATHEMATICS, MATERIAL SCIENCE, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, MED MICRO & IMMUNOLOGY, NEUROSCIENCE, NEUROSCIENCE AND NEUROLOGY, PHARMACY, PHARMACOLOGY, PHYSICS, PLANT PATHOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, PHYSIOLOGY, RADIOLOGY, AND URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING. THE PATENT AND LICENSING FUNCTION PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS DURING THE YEAR. THE UNIVERSITY OF MADISON DISCLOSED 415 INVENTIONS TO THE WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION. THE FOUNDATION FILED 257 U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS AND 215 FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN. DURING THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR, 175 U.S. PATENTS AND 131 FOREIGN PATENTS WERE GRANTED TO THE FOUNDATION BY THE RESPECTIVE PATENT OFFICES UNDER FEDERAL LAW (I.E. THE BAYH DOLE ACT). UNIVERSITIES OR THEIR 501(C)(3) PATENT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE TITLE TO INVENTIONS MADE IN THE COURSE OF UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY AN AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON HAS DELEGATED THIS RIGHT TO WARF. WARF IS THE DESIGNATED PATENT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON AND IN THAT ROLE WARF EXERCISES THE UNIVERSITY'S RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE BAYH DOLE ACT. DURING THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR, 66 NEW COMMERCIAL LICENSES OR OPTIONS AND 2 EQUITY AGREEMENT WERE CLOSED.

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ 21,059,044 including grants of \$ 21,059,044) (Revenue \$ 3,906,130)

MORGRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH, INC. WAS ESTABLISHED ON NOVEMBER 24, 2006, AS AN INDEPENDENT RESEARCH INSTITUTE THAT PROVIDES UW-MADISON INNOVATIVE NEW WAYS TO CONDUCT BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY. THE PRIMARY PURPOSES FOR MORGRIDGE ARE IMPROVE HUMAN HEALTH BY CONDUCTING AND TRANSLATING INNOVATIVE, INTERDISCIPLINARY BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON AND OTHERS, BY LEVERAGING OUR COLLECTIVE STRENGTHS IN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION DURING FISCAL 2015-2016, THE MORGRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH MAINTAINED THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS: CORE COMPUTATION, HARNESS COMPUTING POWER TO ADDRESS NEW QUESTIONS IN BIOLOGY, REGENERATIVE BIOLOGY, UNDERSTAND AND DIRECT CELLULAR FATES TO IMPROVE HUMAN KIND, MEDICAL ENGINEERING, ADVANCE TECHNOLOGIES TO BETTER DIAGNOSE, TREAT AND PREVENT DISEASE, VIROLOGY, UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF VIRUS-HOST INTERACTIONS TO BETTER PROTECT HUMAN HEALTH, BIOETHICS, ADDRESS EMERGING ETHICAL ISSUES AND BUILD A CULTURE OF RESPONSIBLE SCIENCE, METABOLISM, ELUCIDATE THE CHEMISTRY OF LIFE AND ITS DISRUPTION IN HUMAN DISEASE, DISCOVERY OUTREACH PROGRAMS OFFER LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF OPPORTUNITIES ANNUALLY FOR PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE THE VIBRANCY OF UW-MADISON SCIENCE.

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$)

WICELL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.'S MISSION IS TO SUPPORT STEM CELL RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF STEM CELL CLINICAL APPLICATIONS WORLDWIDE. WICELL IS A SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, A WORLD LEADER IN THE AREA OF HUMAN PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL RESEARCH. WICELL WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1999 TO ADVANCE THE SCIENCE OF STEM CELLS, THE GLOBAL LEADER IN CELL BANKING, CYTOGENETIC TESTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF STEM CELL LINES. WICELL BUILDS ON THESE CORE STRENGTHS BY ALSO PROVIDING CLINICAL GRADE PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL LINES, QUALITY CONTROL TESTING AND CELL BANKING SERVICES AS A SUPPORT ORGANIZATION FOR UW-MADISON. WICELL OFFERS A WIDE ARRAY OF SERVICES AND SUPPORT DESIGNED TO KEEP UW AT THE FOREFRONT OF ADVANCES IN STEM CELL TECHNOLOGY. CURRENT OFFERINGS INCLUDE: - PRE-QUALIFIED REAGENTS SUCH AS MEDIA AND MEDIA COMPONENTS, MATRICES, MEFS AND ANTIBODIES- A FULL RANGE OF CYTOGENETIC TESTING SERVICES- SPECIALIZED TESTING INCLUDING TERATOMA SERVICES AND HISTOLOGICAL ANALYSIS, MYCOPLASMA SCREENING AND QUALITY CONTROL TESTING- HIGH QUALITY AND WELL CHARACTERIZED CELL LINES FROM THE WICELL STEM CELL BANK - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND HANDS-ON TRAINING- FULLY EQUIPPED LABORATORY SPACE- GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE FOR BUDGETING AND CORE SERVICES NEEDSDURING FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016, WICELL DISTRIBUTED 346 HUMAN CELL LINES TO COMMERCIAL AND ACADEMIC RESEARCH LABORATORIES BRINGING THE TOTAL CELL LINES DISTRIBUTED TO DATE TO 3,727. WICELL OPERATES ITS RESEARCH FACILITIES WITH 19 SCIENTISTS, RESEARCH TECHNICIANS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL.

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e

Total program service expenses ▶ 161,447,393

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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	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	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		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	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		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		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		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		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		No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	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	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		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		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII		No
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	Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		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		No
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		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		No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

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	Yes	
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		No
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	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	Yes	
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	Yes	
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	

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

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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	17	
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	15	
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?		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		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?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **WI , CA**

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
STEVEN MIXTACKI 614 WALNUT STREET 13TH FLOOR MADISON, WI 53726 (608) 261-1954

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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[illegible]

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 ► 32

Section B. Independent Contractors

(A)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation
IRELL & MANELLA LLP 1800 AVENUE OF THE STARS SUITE 900 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	LEGAL SERVICES	24,966,813
QUARLES & BRADY LLP 33 E MAIN ST SUITE 900 MADISON, WI 53703	LEGAL SERVICES	2,346,630
FINNEGAN HENDERSON FARABOW DEPT 6059 WASHINGTON, DC 20042	LEGAL SERVICES	1,761,458
CPA GLOBAL LTD LIBERATION HOUSE CASTLE STREET ST HELIER, CHANNEL ISLANDS JE1 1BL JE	PATENT LEGAL/ANNUITY SERVICE	1,430,200
BERKELEY RESEARCH GROUP 2200 POWELL ST SUITE 1200 EMERYVILLE, CA 94608	LEGAL SERVICES	1,244,864

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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 _____	450,225				
	b	Membership dues 1b _____					
	c	Fundraising events 1c _____					
	d	Related organizations 1d _____					
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e _____					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f _____ 450,225					
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶					450,225
Program Service Revenue	2a	ROYALTIES _____ Business Code _____ 900099	20,697,630	20,697,630			
	b	LICENSING _____ 900099	1,193,500	1,193,500			
	c	_____					
	d	_____					
	e	_____					
	f	All other program service revenue _____					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶	21,891,130				
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶	23,090,570			23,090,570
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . ▶					
5		Royalties ▶					
6a		Gross rents _____ b Less rental expenses _____ c Rental income or (loss) _____ d Net rental income or (loss) ▶	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
			2,468,100				
			0				
			2,468,100				
			2,468,100	2,468,100			
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory _____ b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses _____ c Gain or (loss) _____ d Net gain or (loss) ▶	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
			25,571,410				
			0				
			25,571,410				
			25,571,410			25,571,410	
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a _____					
b		Less direct expenses b _____					
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . ▶					
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 ▶					
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a _____ b Less cost of goods sold b _____ c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ▶					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a		WARF PATENT REVENUE _____ 900099	1,353,380	1,353,380			
b		MIR BLDG COSTS REIMBURSEMENT _____ 900099	1,162,030	1,162,030			
c		OTHER INCOME _____ 900099	584,737	584,737			
d	All other revenue _____	364,560	276,000	88,560			
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶	3,464,707					
12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶	76,936,142	27,735,377	88,560	48,661,980		

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	104,403,000	104,403,000		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	6,591,302	1,878,678	4,712,624	
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	6,294,029	3,979,225	2,314,804	
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	614,591	455,457	159,134	
9	Other employee benefits	1,045,819	682,468	363,351	
10	Payroll taxes	413,869	276,345	137,524	
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management	38,300		38,300	
b	Legal	20,065,770	20,065,770		
c	Accounting	170,400		170,400	
d	Lobbying	240,094		240,094	
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees	7,605,736		7,605,736	
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	798,700	532,580	266,120	
12	Advertising and promotion	106,020	50,220	55,800	
13	Office expenses	261,460	131,310	130,150	
14	Information technology	501,440	103,000	398,440	
15	Royalties	4,774,550	4,774,550		
16	Occupancy	1,878,970	1,495,780	383,190	
17	Travel	223,160	125,880	97,280	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	140,810	120,180	20,630	
20	Interest	6,407,260	6,304,200	103,060	
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	5,801,390	5,742,660	58,730	
23	Insurance	439,950	204,760	235,190	
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	DOMESTIC LEGAL/PATENTS	4,322,220	4,322,220		
b	FOREIGN LEGAL/PATENTS	1,747,530	1,747,530		
c	FOREIGN PATENT MAINT FE	1,506,050	1,506,050		
d	TECH COMMERCIAL ACCEL	1,387,760	1,387,760		
e	All other expenses	1,961,330	1,157,770	803,560	
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	179,741,510	161,447,393	18,294,117	0
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

				(A)		(B)
				Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		19,579,115	1	3,147,960
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		4,778,117	2	6,631,750
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		398,790	4	257,100
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			5	
	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			6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		323,054	9	142,070
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 182,957,360			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 35,344,040	153,401,348	10c	147,613,320
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		242,560,218	11	727,654
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		2,671,440,452	12	2,694,052,501
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		42,045,044	13	48,169,852
	14	Intangible assets			14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		69,623,282	15	32,706,552
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		3,204,149,420	16	2,933,448,759
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		14,598,000	17	11,274,450
	18	Grants payable		259,618,118	18	287,238,310
	19	Deferred revenue		28,162	19	28,160
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		149,297,804	20	144,044,920
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21	
	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			22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		281,294,809	25	47,450,320
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		704,836,893	26	490,036,160
		Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
Net Assets or Fund Balances	27	Unrestricted net assets		2,317,233,527	27	2,261,518,599
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		182,079,000	28	181,894,000
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			29	
		Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ 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		2,499,312,527	33	2,443,412,599
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		3,204,149,420	34	2,933,448,759

Part XI

Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

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1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	76,936,142
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	179,741,510
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-102,805,368
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,499,312,527
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	48,187,120
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-1,281,680
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	2,443,412,599

Part XII

Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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

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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			
JOHN P MORGRIDGE TRUSTEE	2 00 2 00	X						0	0	0
DORIS MEISSNER TRUSTEE	2 00 2 00	X						15,000	0	0
THOMAS F PYLE TRUSTEE/TREASURER	4 00 4 00	X		X				15,000	17,000	0
CAROL N SKORNICKA TRUSTEE	4 00 2 00	X						15,000	20,000	0
JOAN E SPERO TRUSTEE	2 00 2 00	X						20,000	0	0
JEFFREY C SPRECHER TRUSTEE	2 00 2 00	X						15,000	0	0
GORDON F BRUNNER TRUSTEE	3 00 1 00	X						15,000	1,500	0
CARL E GULBRANDSEN TRUSTEE/MANAGING DIRECTOR	34 00 6 00	X		X				726,411	20,000	278,184
PATRICIA LIPTON TRUSTEE/SECRETARY	4 00 2 00	X		X				20,000	20,000	0
KEITH R LOBO TRUSTEE	2 00 2 00	X						23,750	0	0
PETER P TONG TRUSTEE/CHAIR	6 00 2 00	X		X				22,625	0	0
NORMAN BOBINS TRUSTEE	2 00 2 00	X						20,000	0	0
JOHN ROWE TRUSTEE	3 00 2 00	X						15,000	20,000	0
REBECCA BLANK TRUSTEE	2 00 2 00	X						15,000	0	0
JAMES BERBEE VICE CHAIR/TRUSTEE	4 00 3 00	X		X				15,000	21,500	0
WINSLOW SARGEANT TRUSTEE	2 00 2 00	X						15,000	0	0
ERIK IVERSON MANAGING DIRECTOR	36 00 4 00	X		X				0	0	0
STEVE MIXTACKI CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/CO	39 00 1 00			X				377,332	0	158,271
LEIGH CAGAN CHIEF TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION OFFICER	40 00 40 00				X			355,528	0	151,035
MICHAEL FALK GENERAL COUNSEL	39 00 1 00				X			365,727	0	148,594
CARRIE THOME DIRECTOR OF INVESTMENTS	40 00 40 00				X			1,035,170	0	149,003
ALAIN HUNG ASSOC DIR OF INVESTMENTS	40 00 40 00					X		621,050	0	151,281
STEPHANIE ADAMANY ASSOC GENERAL COUNSEL	39 00 1 00					X		229,786	0	95,044
LAURA HEISLER DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING	40 00 40 00					X		191,962	0	118,690
CRAIG HEIM ASSISTANT PORTFOLIO MANAGER	40 00 40 00					X		231,235	0	95,803

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			
RYAN ABRAMS ASSISTANT PORTFOLIO MANAGER	40 00					X		229,818	0	48,290

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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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 **1**
- 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		
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN- (A) MADISON	396006492		Yes		83,343,956	0
Total1					83,343,956	

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.)						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						

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

12

13 First 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 for 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 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 Yes	
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	No
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	No
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	No
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	No
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	No
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	No
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	No
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	No
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	No
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	No
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	No
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	No
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11b	No
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	No

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

- 1

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

Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization?
*If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.*

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

- 1

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

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

- 1

Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (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?
- 2

Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization?
*If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).*
- 3

By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year?
*If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.*

	Yes	No
1	Yes	
2	Yes	
3		No

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

- 1

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

a

☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.

b

☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.

c

☒ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).

2

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

- a

Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive?
*If "Yes," then in **Part VI** identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.*
- b

Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in?
*If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.*
- 3

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

Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? *Provide details in Part VI.*
- b

Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.*

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Explanation

PART IV, SECTION E, ITEM 1C

THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION IS TO SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON IN ITS ROLE AS A TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY LEADER IN RESEARCH, DISCOVERY AND INNOVATION IT DOES SO VIA GRANTS THAT SUPPORT UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS, RECRUIT OR RETAIN PROFESSORS, JUNIOR FACULTY AND TOP QUALITY GRADUATE STUDENTS THE ORGANIZATION ALSO PROVIDES SUPPORT TO RELATED ORGANIZATIONS THAT FURTHER THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH AND EDUCATION VIA THE PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN FORM 990, PART III, ITEM 4

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 WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION	Employer identification number 39-0833612
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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?	☐ Yes ☐ No
4a	Was a correction made?	☐ Yes ☐ 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?	☐ Yes ☐ 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)	240,094													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	240,094													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	161,673,426													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	161,913,520													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	1,000,000													
<table><thead><tr><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr></thead><tbody><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></tbody></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-	0													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-	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	240,229	240,441	240,446	240,094	961,210
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

		Yes	No
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.
Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No	

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply) ☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) ☐ 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	
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►	
4	Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►	
5	Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
6	Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►	
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$	
8	Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
9	In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements	

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

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

1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items	
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items	
(i)	Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$
(ii)	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$
2	If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items	
a	Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$

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

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

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

	Amount
1c Beginning balance	
1d Additions during the year	
1e Distributions during the year	
1f Ending balance	
- 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					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b Permanent endowment ▶

c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by
- (i)** unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations
- | | Yes | No |
|---------------|-----|----|
| 3a(i) | | |
| 3a(ii) | | |
| 3b | | |
- b** If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- 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		15,340,740		15,340,740
b Buildings		142,332,550	19,745,320	122,587,230
c Leasehold improvements		970,610	902,550	68,060
d Equipment		24,313,460	14,696,170	9,617,290
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) ▶				147,613,320

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	106,354,022
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	38,187,120
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	38,187,120
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	68,166,902
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	8,769,240
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	8,769,240
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	76,936,142

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	170,972,270
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	170,972,270
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	8,769,240
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	8,769,240
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	179,741,510

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE FOUNDATION, WICELL, PROPERTIES, AND MORGRIDGE HAVE BEEN GRANTED AN EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. UNDER THIS EXEMPTION, INCOME TAX IS PAID ONLY ON NET UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME. THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALSO EXEMPT FROM WISCONSIN INCOME AND REAL ESTATE TAX. THE ORGANIZATION FOLLOWS THE GUIDANCE RELATIVE TO ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES, WHICH ADDRESSES THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER TAX BENEFITS CLAIMED OR EXPECTED TO BE CLAIMED ON A TAX RETURN SHOULD BE RECORDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. UNDER THIS GUIDANCE, THE ORGANIZATION MAY RECOGNIZE THE TAX BENEFIT FROM AN UNCERTAIN TAX POSITION ONLY IF IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THE TAX POSITION WILL BE SUSTAINED ON EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES, BASED ON THE TECHNICAL MERITS OF THE POSITION. EXAMPLES OF TAX POSITIONS INCLUDE THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND VARIOUS POSITIONS RELATED TO THE POTENTIAL SOURCES OF UNRELATED BUSINESS TAXABLE INCOME (UBIT). ANY TAX BENEFITS RECOGNIZED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM SUCH A POSITION ARE MEASURED BASED ON THE LARGEST BENEFIT THAT HAS A GREATER THAN 50 PERCENT LIKELIHOOD OF BEING REALIZED UPON ULTIMATE SETTLEMENT. THE ORGANIZATION FILES FORMS 990 IN THE U.S. FEDERAL JURISDICTION AND THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	SHARED ROYALTIES NETTED AGAINST INCOME IN AUDIT 4,774,550. UBIT REVENUE RECORDED IN EXPENSES IN AUDIT 88,560. REIMBURSED EXPENSES FROM AFFILIATE NETTED AGAINST EXPENSES IN AUDIT 3,906,130.
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	SHARED ROYALTIES NETTED AGAINST EXPENSES IN AUDIT 4,774,550. UBIT REVENUE RECORDED IN EXPENSES IN AUDIT 88,560. REIMBURSED EXPENSES FROM AFFILIATE NETTED AGAINST EXPENSES IN AUDIT 3,906,130.

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(h) Purpose of grant or assistance

[illegible]

Schedule I (Form 990) 2015

Part III

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

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance

Part IV

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2	1) UW - THE UNIVERSITY PROVIDES WARF WITH AN ANNUAL SUMMARY OF GRANT EXPENDITURES THAT DETAILS HOW THE GRANT FUNDS WERE SPENT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR 2) MORGRIDGE & WICELL - WARF HAS ACCESS TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THESE ORGANIZATION ALSO, WARF'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, SITS ON THE BOARDS OF MORGRIDGE AND WICELL

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Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV , appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON 1025 W JOHNSON ST MADISON,WI 53706	39-6006492	115	83,343,956				SEE PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A
MORGRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH 330 N ORCHARD ST MADISON,WI 537151119	20-8325570	501(C)(3)	21,059,044				SEE PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
See Additional Data Table							

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
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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				
1CARL E GULBRANDSEN TRUSTEE/MANAGING DIRECTOR	(i)	538,951	187,460	0	241,706	36,478	1,004,595	0
	(ii)	20,000	0	0	0	- 0	- 20,000	0
1STEVE MIXTACKI CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/CO	(i)	307,372	69,960	0	129,031	29,240	535,603	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	- 0	- 0	0
2LEIGH CAGAN CHIEF TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION O	(i)	275,781	79,747	0	123,279	27,756	506,563	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	- 0	- 0	0
3MICHAEL FALK GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	290,185	75,542	0	114,898	33,696	514,321	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	- 0	- 0	0
4CARRIE THOME DIRECTOR OF INVESTMENTS	(i)	506,524	528,646	0	99,575	49,428	1,184,173	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	- 0	- 0	0
5ALAIN HUNG ASSOC DIR OF INVESTMENTS	(i)	329,180	291,870	0	111,585	39,696	772,331	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	- 0	- 0	0
6STEPHANIE ADAMANY ASSOC GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	192,157	37,629	0	64,825	30,219	324,830	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	- 0	- 0	0
7LAURA HEISLER DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING	(i)	162,080	29,882	0	89,288	29,402	310,652	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	- 0	- 0	0
8CRAIG HEIM ASSISTANT PORTFOLIO MANAGER	(i)	145,246	85,989	0	64,890	30,913	327,038	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	- 0	- 0	0
9RYAN ABRAMS ASSISTANT PORTFOLIO MANAGER	(i)	148,122	81,696	0	23,778	24,520	278,116	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	- 0	- 0	0

Schedule K
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Supplemental Information on Tax Exempt Bonds

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Part VI.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule K (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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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 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - CITY OF MADISON	39-6006968		12-17-2009	161,453,470	FOR CONSTRUCTING A RESEARCH FACILITY LOCATED ON THE CAMPUS OF UW-MADISON		X		X		X

Part II		Proceeds							
		A		B		C		D	
1	Amount of bonds retired	17,408,550							
2	Amount of bonds legally defeased								
3	Total proceeds of issue	161,453,470							
4	Gross proceeds in reserve funds								
5	Capitalized interest from proceeds								
6	Proceeds in refunding escrows								
7	Issuance costs from proceeds	2,531,768							
8	Credit enhancement from proceeds								
9	Working capital expenditures from proceeds								
10	Capital expenditures from proceeds	151,543,609							
11	Other spent proceeds	7,378,093							
12	Other unspent proceeds								
13	Year of substantial completion	2010							
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
14	Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?		X						
15	Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?		X						
16	Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?	X							
17	Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?	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						
2	Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?	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						
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							
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?	X							
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 ▶								
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						
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						
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?								
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						

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						
2	If "No" to line 1, did the following apply?								
a	Rebate not due yet?		X						
b	Exception to rebate?		X						
c	No rebate due?		X						
	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						
4a	Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?		X						
b	Name of provider								
c	Term of hedge								
d	Was the hedge superintegrated?								
e	Was the hedge terminated?								

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						
b	Name of provider								
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						
7	Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148? . . .		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							

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

Return Reference	Explanation
SCH K, PART III, #2	ALTHOUGH THERE IS PRESENTLY NO PRIVATE BUSINESS USE OF THE BOND-FINANCED PROPERTY, A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE MORGRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH, INC , A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION ("MORGRIDGE") AS A MEDICAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION THAT COLLABORATES WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THE ACTIVITY ON THE PROPERTY COULD RESULT IN PRIVATE BUSINESS USE HOWEVER, MORGRIDGE IS AWARE OF THE LIMITATIONS ON PRIVATE USE, AND PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE FOR WARF AND MORGRIDGE TO TRACK PRIVATE USE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH BOND REQUIREMENTS

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or
990-EZ)Department of the
Treasury
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**
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Return Reference**Explanation**FORM 990, PART VI,
SECTION B, LINE 11THE FORM 990 IS INITIALLY REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE CFO, CONTROLLER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
MANAGEMENT TEAM AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE FINAL VERSION OF THE FORM 990 IS SUBSEQUENTLY
PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO FILING

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE WARF MANAGING DIRECTOR REQUIRES THAT THE TRUSTEES REVIEW THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND COMPLETE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE ANNUALLY. WARF REVIEWS CONFLICT MATTERS AS DISCLOSED THROUGH THE ANNUAL DISCLOSURE AND ON A ROLLING BASIS AND CONSIDERS THEM IN THE MATTER PROSCRIBED IN ITS CONFLICT POLICY. A CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ALSO MEETS AS APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER CONFLICT SITUATIONS. ALL WARF EMPLOYEES SIGN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AGREEMENT. THE AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS ARE REVIEWED ANNUALLY AT AN EMPLOYEE MEETING.

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	A) WARF RETAINS A NATIONAL INDEPENDENT HUMAN RESOURCES CONSULTING FIRM SPECIALIZING IN COMPENSATION ACTIVITIES TO REVIEW COMPENSATION FOR THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION THE CONSULTANT IS RETAINED BY AND REPORTS TO THE CHAIR OF THE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFIT COMMITTEE AND TO THE TRUSTEE PRESIDENT B) EVERY OTHER YEAR THE CONSULTANT PROVIDES COMPARATIVE COMPENSATION DATA TO THE TRUSTEE PRESIDENT AND THE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS COMMITTEE C) THE TRUSTEE PRESIDENT REVIEWS A WRITTEN SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THIS INFORMATION IS SHARED WITH THE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS COMMITTEE AND WITH THE BOARD'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE D) IN LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER THE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS COMMITTEE HOLDS A TELECONFERENCE TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL DIRECTION AND SCOPE/RANGE OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION THE OUTSIDE CONSULTANT PARTICIPATES IN THE DISCUSSION EVERY OTHER YEAR E) IN MID-SEPTEMBER THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND THE CHAIR OF THE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFIT COMMITTEE DISCUSS THE EXECUTIVE EVALUATION AND DETERMINE THE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT F) THE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS COMMITTEE REVIEWS THE RECOMMENDATION IN (E) ABOVE AND APPROVES FINAL COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS G) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS COMMITTEE REVIEWS THE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS WITH THE FULL BOARD AT THE FALL TRUSTEE MEETING H) THE OUTSIDE CONSULTANT PROVIDES A LETTER TO THE CHAIR OF THE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFIT COMMITTEE DESCRIBING THE CONSULTANT'S ROLE IN ESTABLISHING THE REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF REASONABLENESS STANDARD UNDER THE INTERMEDIATE SANCTIONS REGULATIONS AND HOW THE CONSULTANT PROVIDED THE ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE THE REASONABLENESS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PACKAGE EVERY OTHER YEAR

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT MADE AVAILABLE

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	EQUITY GAIN IN SUBSIDIARIES 6,124,810 CHANGE IN MINIMUM PENSION OBLIGATION -7,406,490

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THE PROCESS DID NOT CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 8621 FILING 8621 ON BEHALF OF WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH ORGANIZATION	WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION OWNS A STAKE IN THE FOLLOWING PARTNERSHIPS WHICH HAVE INDIRECT INVESTMENTS IN PASSIVE FOREIGN INVESTMENT COMPANIES (PFICS), AND HAVE FILED FORM 8621 ON BEHALF OF WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION PINEBRIDGE GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS PARTNERS, LLC SIGULER GUFF BRIC OPPORTUNITIES FUND, LP SIGULER GUFF BRIC OPPORTUNITIES FUND II, LP VERSANT VENTURE CAPITAL V, L P

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 8886 DISCLOSURE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS	THE FOLLOWING INVESTMENTS OF WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION HAVE FILED FORM 8886 DISCLOSING REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS AS A LIMITED PARTNER IN THESE INVESTMENTS, WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION'S ALLOCABLE SHARE FROM THE RESPECTIVE PASSTHROUGH ENTITIES DOES NOT EXCEED THE THRESHOLD AMOUNTS THEREFORE, WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN A LOSS TRANSACTION REPORTABLE ON FORM 8886 COMMONFUND CAPITAL INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS V, LP OAK HILL CAPITAL PARTNERS II (CAYMAN) LP

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

OMB No 1545-0047

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Employer identification number
39-0833612

Part I

Identification of Disregarded Entities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) WARF PROPERTIES LLC 614 WALNUT STREET 13TH FLOOR MADISON, WI 53726 20-3521556	HOLDING REAL ESTATE	WI		507,237	WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION
(2) TOWN CENTER DINING LLC 614 WALNUT STREET 13TH FLOOR MADISON, WI 53726 27-2845458	EVENT COORDINATOR	WI			

Part II

Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) MORGRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH 330 N ORCHARD ST MADISON, WI 537151119 20-8325570	RESEARCH	WI	501(C)(3)	LINE 4	WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION	Yes	
(2) WICELL RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC 614 WALNUT STREET 13TH FLOOR MADISON, WI 53726 39-1972235	RESEARCH	WI	501(C)(3)	LINE 7	WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION	Yes	
(3) UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON 1025 W JOHNSON ST MADISON, WI 53706 39-6006492	EDUCATION	WI	115	LINE 2			No

Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership

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

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

Part IV

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end- of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f Dividends from related organization(s)

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

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

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

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

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

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

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

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

	Yes	No
1a		No
1b	Yes	
1c		No
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j		No
1k		No
1l		No
1m		No
1n	Yes	
1o	Yes	
1p		No
1q		No
1r		No
1s		No

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

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)WICELL RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC	O	120,642	PERCENT ALLOCATION
(2)MORGRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH INC	O	547,534	PERCENT ALLOCATION
(3)MORGRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH INC	B	21,059,044	CASH
(4)WICELL RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC	N	31,060	PERCENT ALLOCATION

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

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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