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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 08-01-2015 , and ending 07-31-2016

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☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)Room/suite

201 South Grant Avenue

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Columbus, OH 432155399

F Name and address of principal officer
Dr David Decker
201 South Grant Avenue
Columbus,OH 432155399

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

D Employer identification number
31-0707369

E Telephone number
(614) 947-6002

G Gross receipts \$ 154,510,143

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

J Website: [www.franklin.edu](#)

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

L Year of formation 1964

M State of legal domicile OH

Part I Summary				
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities Franklin University and its subsidiary Urbana University are student-centered, nonprofit, independent institutions providing high quality, relevant education to enable the broadest possible community of learners to achieve their goals and enrich the world			
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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	23	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	23	
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	1,979	
Revenue	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	23	
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	-9,136	
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	-27,159	
			Prior Year	Current Year
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		2,676,943	1,746,004
Expenses	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		79,590,771	76,008,097
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		7,355,431	1,214,752
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		11,636	106,214
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		89,634,781	79,075,067
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		8,491,567	7,225,196
Net Assets or Fund Balances	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)		51,830,660	52,858,138
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		32,441	27,673
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 1,551,221			
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)		26,989,418	24,407,949
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		87,344,086	84,518,956
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12		2,290,695	-5,443,889
			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)		132,376,197	138,932,940
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		22,291,422	31,168,577
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20		110,084,775	107,764,363

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer

Marv Briskey Treasurer/CFO

Type or print name and title

2017-06-14

Date

Prnt/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

Firm's name

Firm's EIN

Phone no

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

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1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Since 1902, Franklin University has been a pioneer in meeting the needs of adult students who have the ambition to continue their education in combination with other responsibilities. Franklin expanded its offerings in 2014 to meet the needs of traditional students through Urbana University. As a learner-centered institution of higher education, the four cornerstones of the Franklin educational philosophy are: (a) Ensuring academic quality; (b) Providing equal access to educational opportunities; (c) Adapting to the needs of students; (d) Responding to changes in society, professions, and the business community. Franklin and Urbana continuously seek and appreciate strategic partner relationships that support our learning environment and experience of our students. Investments from strategic partners may include contributions for student scholarships, as well as contributions to enhance program offerings, facilities, and technology.

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 \$ 44,964,841 including grants of \$ 1,351,091) (Revenue \$ 55,676,978) See Additional Data
4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 16,997,638 including grants of \$ 5,874,105) (Revenue \$ 15,535,941) See Additional Data
4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ 4,373,269 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 4,928,551) See Additional Data
4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) (Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)
4e	Total program service expenses ▶ 66,335,748

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	No
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	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	9 Yes	
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10 Yes	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d Yes	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e 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	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13 Yes	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a Yes	
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b Yes	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16 Yes	
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17 Yes	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	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	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	Yes	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	Yes	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	Yes	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

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

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

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	1a	23	
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O			
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	23	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		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?	7a		No
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a		No
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	
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. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Marv Briskey 201 South Grant Avenue Columbus, OH 43215399 (614) 947-6002	

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

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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

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Part 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	0				
	b	Membership dues	1b	0				
	c	Fundraising events	1c	0				
	d	Related organizations	1d	0				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	843,638				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	902,366				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		20,117				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f						1,746,004
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	Tuition and fees - Franklin University	611310	54,588,524	54,588,524	0	0	
	b	Tuition and fees - Urbana University	611310	13,208,707	13,208,707	0	0	
	c	Auxiliary services	611310	2,362,263	2,362,263	0	0	
	d	Program development services	611310	4,928,551	4,928,551	0	0	
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue		920,052	920,052	0	0	
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f			76,008,097			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		2,243,892	0	0	2,243,892	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0	0	0	0	
	5	Royalties		0	0	0	0	
	6a	(i) Real		(ii) Personal				
		540,152		0				
		567,311		0				
		-27,159		0				
	b	Less rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		-27,159	0	-9,136	-18,023	
	7a	(i) Securities		(ii) Other				
		73,838,625		0				
		74,867,765		0				
		-1,029,140		0				
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses						
	c	Gain or (loss)						
	d	Net gain or (loss)		-1,029,140	0	0	-1,029,140	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18						
	b	Less direct expenses						
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19						
	b	Less direct expenses						
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances							
b	Less cost of goods sold							
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a								
b								
c								
d	All other revenue			133,373	133,373	0	0	
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			133,373				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions			79,075,067	76,141,470	-9,136	1,196,729	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.	0	0		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	7,216,246	7,216,246		
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	8,950	8,950		
4	Benefits paid to or for members.	0	0		
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	4,077,910	1,982,237	1,823,432	272,241
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).	0	0	0	0
7	Other salaries and wages.	37,614,433	29,427,378	7,421,057	765,998
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	2,577,389	2,020,694	504,834	51,861
9	Other employee benefits.	5,820,002	4,546,744	1,153,790	119,468
10	Payroll taxes.	2,768,404	2,165,783	546,236	56,385
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.	0	0	0	0
b	Legal.	83,867	0	83,867	0
c	Accounting.	109,810	0	109,810	0
d	Lobbying.	0	0	0	0
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	27,673			27,673
f	Investment management fees.	431,140	0	431,140	0
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	5,017,860	3,934,396	982,549	100,915
12	Advertising and promotion.	2,142,766	2,142,766	0	0
13	Office expenses.	1,436,385	1,121,181	285,579	29,625
14	Information technology.	1,509,273	1,185,780	293,489	30,004
15	Royalties.	0	0	0	0
16	Occupancy.	4,103,927	3,025,267	1,056,162	22,498
17	Travel.	1,171,060	908,096	237,938	25,026
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.	0	0	0	0
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	179,203	140,019	35,509	3,675
20	Interest.	499,027	0	499,027	0
21	Payments to affiliates.	0	0	0	0
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	3,299,124	2,371,829	908,776	18,519
23	Insurance.	681,080	525,200	140,896	14,984
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	Bad debt expense.	1,820,155	1,820,155	0	0
b	Student food services.	660,736	660,736	0	0
c	Library.	291,134	291,134	0	0
d	Athletic programs.	387,368	387,368	0	0
e	All other expenses.	584,034	453,789	117,896	12,349
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	84,518,956	66,335,748	16,631,987	1,551,221
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	3,869,624	1	3,711,940
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	0	2	0
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	660,552	3	450,472
	4 Accounts receivable, net	3,887,804	4	3,851,958
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	1,073,340	7	1,035,005
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0	8	0
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	961,088	9	1,117,530
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 78,926,746		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 40,234,450	39,754,478	10c 38,692,296
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	80,033,612	11	77,417,087
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	1,682,320	12	1,867,774
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	453,379	15	10,788,878
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	132,376,197	16	138,932,940	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,274,860	17	8,704,758
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue	2,616,184	19	712,118
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	10,250,132	20	19,749,385
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	531,973	21	552,501
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	22	0
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	1,618,273	25	1,449,815
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	22,291,422	26	31,168,577
	Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.		
27 Unrestricted net assets		104,825,912	27	102,369,691
28 Temporarily restricted net assets		1,996,461	28	2,140,034
29 Permanently restricted net assets		3,262,402	29	3,254,638
Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	
31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31	
32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances		110,084,775	33	107,764,363
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		132,376,197	34	138,932,940

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	79,075,067
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	84,518,956
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-5,443,889
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	110,084,775
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	2,907,801
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	215,676
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	107,764,363

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

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4a

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 44,964,841 including grants of \$ 1,351,091) (Revenue \$ 55,676,978)

Franklin University served 6,970 unique students in the 2015-16 Academic Year, granting 67 Associate's degrees, 1098 Bachelor's degrees, 510 Master's degrees, and 8 Master's level certificates. Franklin has a total of 48 academic program offerings (37 undergraduate, 9 graduate, and 2 graduate certificate). Globally, Franklin offers its MBA and undergraduate programs to students through international partnerships.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 16,997,638 including grants of \$ 5,874,105) (Revenue \$ 15,535,941)

Urbana University served 3,775 unique students in the 2015-16 Academic Year, granting 2 Associate's degrees, 166 Bachelor's degrees, 26 undergraduate certificates, and 55 Master's degrees Urbana University has 32 undergraduate programs (29 bachelors and 3 associates) and 4 graduate programs Additionally, Urbana offers 1 undergraduate certificate program, 2 post baccalaureate education programs, and 2 graduate certificate programs

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 4,373,269 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 4,928,551)

The Franklin University mission includes providing high quality, relevant education to enable the broadest possible community of learners to achieve their goals and enrich the world. To further this goal Franklin offers program design and development services to higher education institutions seeking to expand and improve the quality and their own program offerings.

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			
Mary Duchi Board Chair	4	X		X				0	0	0
Gary Flynn Immediate Past Chair	4	X		X				0	0	0
Bruce Hagen Vice Chair	4	X		X				0	0	0
Carl Johnson Secretary	4	X		X				0	0	0
Jack Cartner Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Jamie Crane Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Jo Ann Davidson Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Sue Doody Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Phil Fankhauser Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Ted Ford Trustee	2	X						0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Anthony Gonsalves Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Eugene Griffin Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Melissa Gutierrez Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Gary James Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Floyd Jones Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Greg Lashutka Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Stan Partlow Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Clarke Pnce Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Peter Roche Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Ralph Sanese Trustee	2	X						0	0	0

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Pam Springer Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Carole Watkins Trustee	2	X						0	0	0
Dr David R Decker President	55			X				707,289	0	52,598
Marv Bnskey Treasurer/SVP-Chief Financial Officer	50			X				254,353	0	48,847
Dr Chnstopher Washington Provost and SVP-Academic Affairs	40				X			261,721	0	52,278
Bonnie Smith Quist VP-Advancement and Strategic Relations	40				X			214,260	0	40,371
Rick Sunderman VP and Chief Information Officer	40				X			234,037	0	50,861
Dr Pamela Shay SVP-Accreditation & Institutional Effectiveness	40				X			256,370	0	43,803
Chnstb Cabungcal Chief of Staff & SVP Administration	40				X			262,315	0	45,257
Dr Godfrey Mendes SVP Global Programs & Strategic Initiatives	40				X			285,988	0	63,629

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			
Linda Steele VP Enrollment and Student Affairs	40				X			221,812	0	38,946
Evelyn Levino VP-Planning and University Services and Chief of Staff Urbana University	40				X			176,050	0	41,334
Patnck Bennett VP Operations, Franklin Learning Solutions	40				X			183,060	0	41,845
Dr Keith Groff Dean-College of Arts, Sciences and Tech	40				X			164,798	0	32,935
Dr Tom Seiler Dean College of Business	40				X			161,015	0	27,424
Dr Karen Miner-Romanoff Associate Provost, Academic Quality & Executive Director i4	40				X			165,294	0	42,704
Dr George Lucas President, Urbana University	40				X			103,106	0	24,303
Randolph Snyder Executive Director of Financial Services	45					X		152,747	0	38,365
Dr Gail Baumlein Program Chair, Nursing	40					X		143,470	0	33,261
Bill Chan Executive Director Domestic Expansion & Regional Campuses and Partnership Development	40					X		142,895	0	15,078

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			
Dr Leslie King Dean College of Public Health and Administration	40					X		133,943	0	36,370
Jeffrey Gerberry Director of Accounting	50					X		130,381	0	36,361

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY	Employer identification number 31-0707369
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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

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

2

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

3

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

4

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

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An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)

6

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A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7

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An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II)

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

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

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

11

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An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g

a

☐

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

b

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Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c

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Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d

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Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e

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Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization

f

Enter the number of supported organizations _____

g

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)						
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

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

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i></div>		
<div>2</div> <div>Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i></div>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i></div>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)</div> <div><div>a</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.</div></div> <div><div>b</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.</div></div> <div><div>c</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).</div></div>		
<div>2</div> <div>Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.</div> <div><div>a</div><div>Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i></div></div> <div><div>b</div><div>Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i></div></div>		
<div>3</div> <div>Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.</div> <div><div>a</div><div>Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i></div></div> <div><div>b</div><div>Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i></div></div>		

Part V

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

1

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

☐

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VI Supplemental Information.

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

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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2015

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY

Employer identification number
31-0707369

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

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

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

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)

☐ Protection of natural habitat

☐ Preservation of open space

☐ Preservation of an historically important land area

☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

2

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

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

3

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

4

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

5

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

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

7

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

8

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

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

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

1a

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

b

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

(i)

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

2

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

a

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

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

(continued)

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

a ☐ Public exhibition

b ☐ Scholarly research

c ☐ Preservation for future generations

d ☐ Loan or exchange programs

e ☐ Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☒ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☒

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	5,498,453	5,349,184	5,345,417	4,597,192	4,465,725
b Contributions	4,250	199,803	29,355	2,650	16,550
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	237,106	-17,430	697,936	764,784	206,584
d Grants or scholarships	60,250	33,104	723,524	19,209	91,667
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	0	0	0	0	0
f Administrative expenses	0	0	0	0	0
g End of year balance	5,679,559	5,498,453	5,349,184	5,345,417	4,597,192

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 19 6 %

b Permanent endowment ▶ 23 1 %

c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ 57 3 %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)	Yes	
3a(ii)		No
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	2,149,998	4,990,809		7,140,807
b Buildings	3,221,005	41,103,131	19,917,091	24,407,045
c Leasehold improvements	0	1,675,555	1,374,386	301,169
d Equipment	0	24,248,057	17,787,060	6,460,997
e Other	0	1,538,191	1,155,913	382,278
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) ▶				38,692,296

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	75,514,196
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	2,907,801
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	0
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	0
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	215,676
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	3,123,477
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	72,390,719
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	431,140
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	6,253,208
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	6,684,348
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	79,075,067

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	77,834,608
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	0
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	0
c	Other losses	2c	0
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	567,311
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	567,311
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	77,267,297
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	431,140
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	6,820,519
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	7,251,659
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	84,518,956

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
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID: 15000352
Software Version: v1.00
EIN: 31-0707369
Name: FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule D, Part IV, Line 2b	Custodial accounts include funds held on behalf of various Urbana University on-campus student organizations, and funds held in a charitable remainder trust

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule D, Part V, Line 4	Virtually all endowment funds are either for the support of scholarships or the University's Leadership Center

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule D, Part X, Line 2	<p>Generally accepted accounting principles prescribes recognition thresholds and measurement attributes for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Tax benefits will be recognized only if a tax position is more-likely-than-not sustained in a tax examination, with a tax examination being presumed to occur. The amount recognized will be the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50% likely being realized on examination. For tax positions not meeting the more-likely-than-not test, no tax benefit will be recorded. Management has concluded that they are unaware of any tax benefits or liabilities to be recognized at July 31, 2016 or 2015. The University would recognize interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest and income tax expense, respectively. The University has no amounts accrued for interest or penalties for the years ended July 31, 2016 and 2015. The University is no longer subject to examination by taxing authorities for years before 2013. The University does not expect the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits to significantly change in the next 12 months.</p>

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule D, Part XI, Line 2d	Inherent contribution recognized for financial reporting under generally accepted accounti ng principles, but not recognizable as a contribution for tax reporting purposes

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule D, Part XI, Line 4 b	Scholarships netted against tuition and fees for the audited financial statements and rental expenses netted against rent income for Part VIII

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule D, Part XII, Line 2d	Rental expenses netted against rent income for Part VIII

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule D, Part XII, Line 4 b	Scholarships netted against tuition and fees for the audited financial statements

SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or
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Department of the
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Service

Schools

▶Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I

	YES	NO
1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	1 Yes	
2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	2 Yes	
3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe. If "No," please explain. If you need more space use Part II.	3 Yes	
4 Does the organization maintain the following? a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff? b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis? c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.	4a Yes 4b Yes 4c Yes 4d Yes	
5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to: a Students' rights or privileges? b Admissions policies? c Employment of faculty or administrative staff? d Scholarships or other financial assistance? e Educational policies? f Use of facilities? g Athletic programs? h Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.	5a 5b 5c 5d 5e 5f 5g 5h	No No No No No No No No
6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	6a Yes	
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II.	6b	No
7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," explain on Part II.	7 Yes	

Part II **Supplemental Information.**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule E, Part I, Line 3	As the University draw s students from across the country, it satisfies the requirement by including a statement of the University's racially nondiscriminatory policy in brochures, catalogs and other w ritten communications in addition to its w ebsite
Schedule E, Part I, Line 6	The University receives significant amounts of financial aid from Federal and state agencies. These funds represent financial aid for students attending the University to assist them w ith tuition costs, books, fees and living expenses. Any financial aid that is not applied to payment of amounts due the University are passed on to the student.

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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

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

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Part I

General Information on Activities Outside the United States.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1

For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees’ eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

YesNo

2

For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization’s procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States

3

Activites per Region (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e g , fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1) Middle East and North Africa	0	2	Program Services	Franklin University offers and delivers Masters of Business Administration (MBA) in partnership with a university in Oman This MBA program is identical in outcomes and instruction to the domestic based MBA program offered and delivered by Franklin to students in the United States Franklin University has entered in an agreement to provide online curriculum development, adjunct teaching services, and program installation services to universities in Saudi Arabia The services provided are identical to the activities performed by Franklin in developing and delivering its own curriculum to students in the United States	3,003,912
(2) East Asia and the Pacific	0	1	Program Services	Franklin University offers and delivers undergraduate and graduate programs in partnership with a university in South Korea These programs are identical in outcomes and instruction to the domestic based programs offered and delivered by Franklin to students in the United States	133,416
(3) Europe (including Iceland and Greenland)	0	3	Program Services	Franklin University offers and delivers Masters of Business Administration (MBA) in partnership with universities in Poland, Serbia, and Macedonia These MBA programs are identical in outcomes and instruction to the domestic based MBA program offered and delivered by Franklin to students in the United States	76,979
(4) Central America and the Caribbean	0	2	Program Services	Franklin University has entered into an agreement with a university Guatemala to review and evaluate its programs The services provided are identical to the activities performed by Franklin in reviewing its own curriculum and programs for delivery to students in the United States Franklin University offers and delivers Masters of Science in Business Psychology (MSBP) in partnership with a university in Trinidad and Tobago This MSBP program is identical in outcomes and instruction to the domestic based MSBP program offered and delivered by Franklin to students in the United States	8,992
(5)					
3a Sub-total					
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	8			3,223,299

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									

2

Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ▶

3

Enter total number of other organizations or entities ▶

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1) Scholarships and discounts	Central America and the Caribbean	1	8,950	Credit against balance owed			
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
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(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1

Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U S Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 2

Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U S Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A, do not file with Form 990)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 3

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U S Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)*

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Yes

☐

No
- 4

Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 5

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U S Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 6

Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713, do not file with Form 990)*

☐

Yes

☒

No

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Part V Supplemental Information

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

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ

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

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Part I Fundraising Activities

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

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

a ☒ Mail solicitations

e ☒ Solicitation of non-government grants

b ☒ Internet and email solicitations

f ☒ Solicitation of government grants

c ☒ Phone solicitations

g ☐ Special fundraising events

d ☒ In-person solicitations

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1 Bennett Direct Inc 324 E Wisconsin Avenue Suite 1220 Milwaukee, WI 53202	Bennett Direct, Inc is an unrelated third party that assists Franklin University with its annual Phon-a-thon by providing campaign consultation, design, implementation, script development and messaging, daily reports and a comprehensive final report at the end of the project.		No	38,199	27,673	10,526
2						
3						
4						
5						
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7						
8						
9						
10						
Total				38,199	27,673	10,526

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

AZ, CA, IN, KS, KY, MI, MN, MT, NC, NY, OH, OR, PA, TN, TX, WI, WV

Part II Fundraising Events.

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

		(a)Event #1	(b)Event #2	(c)Other events	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts				
	2 Less Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				

Part III Gaming.

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

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

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

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

b If "No," explain _____

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

b If "Yes," explain _____

- 11

Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?

☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12

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

☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13

Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

a	The organization's facility	13a	%
b	An outside facility	13b	%
- 14

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

Name ▶

Address ▶

- 15a

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

☐ Yes ☐ No
- b

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

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

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

- 17

Mandatory distributions
- a

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

☐ Yes ☐ No
- b

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

Part IV

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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(h) Purpose of grant or assistance

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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
See Additional Data Table					

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
Schedule I, Part I, Line 2	The University has numerous procedures to ensure students qualify for scholarships and other assistance both at the time of the award and subsequent thereto. These procedures ensure compliance with applicable Federal and state regulations, stipulations of scholarship criteria and University policies for awards made from the University.

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Form 990, Schedule I, Part III, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.

(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
Scholarships - Franklin	354	367,550			

Form 990, Schedule I, Part III, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.

(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
Student Educational Opportunity Grants - Franklin	610	307,775			

Form 990, Schedule I, Part III, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.

(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
Tuition discounts and exchange program - Franklin	219	344,343			

Form 990, Schedule I, Part III, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.

(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
Federal Work Study - Franklin	42	322,473			

Form 990, Schedule I, Part III, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.

(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
Scholarships - Urbana	491	5,333,294			

Form 990, Schedule I, Part III, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.

(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
Student Educational Opportunity Grants - Urbana	177	201,761			

Form 990, Schedule I, Part III, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.

(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
Tuition discounts - Urbana	83	256,244			

Form 990, Schedule I, Part III, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.

(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
Federal Work Study - Urbana	61	82,807			

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. <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div>		
b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b Yes	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2 Yes	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div>		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	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? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.	4c	No
Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: a The organization?	5a	No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.	5b	No
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: a The organization?	6a	No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.	6b	No
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	7 Yes	
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	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
Schedule J, Part I, Line 1a	Pursuant to his employment agreement, Dr. David Decker receives a monthly housing allowance, treated as taxable compensation, and membership in a dinner/fitness club, not treated as taxable compensation.
Schedule J, Part I, Line 7	Bonuses are paid depending on the achievement of various performance criteria. The Board of Trustees determines the bonus of the President.

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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				
1Dr David R. DeckerPresident	(i)	443,667	264,000	-379	26,500	26,097	759,885	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1Marv Bnskey Treasurer/SVP-Chief Financial Officer	(i)	204,087	55,154	-4,888	25,924	22,922	303,199	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2Dr Chnstopher Washington Provost and SVP-Academic Affairs	(i)	204,087	62,744	-5,110	26,500	25,778	313,999	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3Bonnie Smith Quist VP-Advancement and Strategic Relations	(i)	169,534	47,918	-3,192	21,745	18,626	254,631	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4Rick Sunderman VP and Chief Information Officer	(i)	188,638	53,317	-7,918	25,195	25,666	284,898	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5Dr Pamela Shay SVP-Accreditation & Institutional Effectiveness	(i)	204,087	55,154	-2,871	25,924	17,879	300,173	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6Chnsti Cabungcal Chief of Staff & SVP Administration	(i)	204,087	62,744	-4,516	26,500	18,757	307,572	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7Dr Godfrey Mendes SVP Global Programs & Strategic Initiatives	(i)	224,496	68,496	-7,004	26,500	37,129	349,617	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8Linda Steele VP Enrollment and Student Affairs	(i)	169,534	52,121	157	22,165	16,781	260,758	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9Evelyn Levino VP-Planning and University Services and Chief of Staff Urbana University	(i)	151,385	31,528	-6,863	18,291	23,043	217,384	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10Patrick Bennett VP Operations, Franklin Learning Solutions	(i)	156,409	32,574	-5,924	18,898	22,946	224,903	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11Dr Keith Groff Dean-College of Arts, Sciences and Tech	(i)	141,930	21,817	1,051	16,375	16,560	197,733	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12Dr Tom Seiler Dean College of Business	(i)	139,018	23,438	-1,440	16,245	11,179	188,440	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13Dr Karen Miner-Romanoff Associate Provost, Academic Quality & Executive Director i4	(i)	143,237	29,202	-7,145	17,244	25,460	207,998	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14Dr George Lucas President, Urbana University	(i)	101,667	0	1,440	11,180	13,122	127,409	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15Randolph Snyder Executive Director of Financial Services	(i)	131,184	27,006	-5,443	15,819	22,546	191,112	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16Dr Gail Baumlein Program Chair, Nursing	(i)	129,968	19,334	-5,832	14,930	18,331	176,731	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17Bill Chan Executive Director Domestic Expansion & Regional Campuses and Partnership Development	(i)	118,192	24,426	277	14,262	816	157,973	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18Dr Leslie King Dean College of Public Health and Administration	(i)	119,570	20,523	-6,150	13,929	22,441	170,313	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19Jeffrey Gerberry Director of Accounting	(i)	116,587	19,427	-5,632	13,601	22,759	166,742	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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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 Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission	34-6849674	000000000	01-01-2010	5,000,000	Renovation of various buildings and purchase of tech equip		X		X		X
B Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission	34-6849674	000000000	02-24-2016	18,000,000	Bond refunding, renovation of various buildings, purchase IT equipment		X		X		X

Part II		Proceeds									
		A		B		C		D			
1	Amount of bonds retired	3,006,762		243,852							
2	Amount of bonds legally defeased	0		0							
3	Total proceeds of issue	5,000,000		18,000,000							
4	Gross proceeds in reserve funds	0		0							
5	Capitalized interest from proceeds	0		0							
6	Proceeds in refunding escrows	0		0							
7	Issuance costs from proceeds	78,573		155,700							
8	Credit enhancement from proceeds	0		0							
9	Working capital expenditures from proceeds	0		0							
10	Capital expenditures from proceeds	4,921,427		0							
11	Other spent proceeds	0		0							
12	Other unspent proceeds	0		10,337,363							
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	X							
15	Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?		X		X						
16	Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?	X			X						
17	Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?	X		X							

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

Part III Private Business Use (Continued)

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

Part IV Arbitrage

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate?		X		X				
2	If "No" to line 1, did the following apply?								
a	Rebate not due yet?		X	X					
b	Exception to rebate?	X			X				
c	No rebate due?		X		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		X				
4a	Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?		X		X				
b	Name of provider								
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		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		X				
7	Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148?	X		X					

Part V **Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action**

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

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

**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
www.irs.gov/form990.

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b	Upon completion of the Form 990 and all supporting schedules (the "return") by the Director of Accounting, the return was first reviewed by the Chief Financial Officer and the University President, with consultation of tax experts where considered necessary. The return was then provided to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Chair of the Finance Committee for their review. Questions arising from this review were addressed as appropriate, with any necessary changes made to the 990.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c	<p>Each year a copy of the University's Employee Ethics (Conflict of Interest) Policy is provided to each Trustee, the President and other officers of the University, along with a questionnaire related to the policy. Responses to the questionnaire, which are summarized for review by the President of the University, will identify any potential conflicts of interest. Should business come before the Board or Committee thereof that presents a potential conflict, the affected Board member would be asked to abstain from any Board action on that business.</p>

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15	<p>Review s, as prepared by an independent compensation consulting firm (the "consultants"), w ere conducted in fiscal year 2008-2009 on all University officers, including the President , via a thorough examination of external documented pay data (published surveys and 990 fi lings) for comparable positions at peer institutions (as mutually agreed upon by Franklin University and the consultants) Compensation levels were review ed for market competitiven ess and reasonableness and were compared for all components of pay including cash compensa tion, benefits and perquisites In preparation for such review s, the consultants interview ed a number of University officers and members of the Board of Trustees to gain perspectiv e on the University's work environment mission, pay philosophies and pay program effective ness The results included individual market reports as well as an aggregate perspective The Compensation Committee of the Board of Trustees approved the resulting review s and com pensation levels of the President and his direct reports and proposed the adoption of a re lated executive compensation philosophy w hich was ultimately approved in January of 2010 b y the full Board The compensation review s covered all senior employees (earning over \$100 ,000), including individuals not reporting directly to the President These review s, altho ugh conducted in a previous fiscal year, were fully vetted by the Compensation Committee a nd full Board in fiscal year 2015-2016 All such actions were reflected in the minutes of both the Compensation Committee and the Board of Trustees Any compensation changes made w ere relative to the independent market review During fiscal year 2014-2015 a full externa l review of the President's compensation was conducted consistent with specifications outl ined above in the prior review The review was conducted and results were prepared by cons ulting firm, Findley Davies in preparation for the renew al of the President's contract Th e Compensation Committee of the Board and ultimately the full Board voted to approve the n ew contract including the fully vetted new compensation levels The Board was given a deep and thorough view into the compensation studies as prepared by Findley Davies, all of whi ch is reflected in Board minutes A new independent review is currently under way and will be completed in July 2017 and will include all highly compensated individuals and all off icers and executives</p>

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19	Financial statements, governing documents, and conflict of interest policies are not required disclosures pursuant to Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 6104. These documents are not available to the public at this time.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XI, Line 9	Inherent contribution recognized for financial reporting under generally accepted accounting principles, but not recognizable as a contribution for tax reporting purposes

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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

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

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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) Franklin University - Urbana LLC dba Urbana University 201 South Grant Avenue Columbus, OH 43215 81-0997614	Institution of higher education	OH	16,248,675	13,807,321	Franklin University

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

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

	Yes	No
1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?		
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	1a	
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	1b	
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	1c	
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	1d	
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	1e	
f Dividends from related organization(s)	1f	
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)	1g	
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	1h	
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	1i	
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	1j	
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	1k	
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	1l	
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	1m	
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	1n	
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	1o	
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	1p	
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	1q	
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	1r	
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	1s	

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

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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