

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

**2015**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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**A** For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01/01, 2015, and ending 12/31, 20 15

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

**C** Name of organization THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE  
 Doing business as \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
PO Box 9216  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
Missoula, MT, 59807

**D** Employer identification number  
86-1153859

**E** Telephone number  
415-800-1401

**F** Name and address of principal officer: Beth Rattner  
PO Box 9216, Missoula, MT 59807

**G** Gross receipts \$ 1,010,445

**H(a)** Is this a group return for subordinates?  Yes  No  
**H(b)** Are all subordinates included?  Yes  No  
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**I** Tax-exempt status:  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**J** Website: ▶ www.biomimicry.org

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ▶

**L** Year of formation: 2005 **M** State of legal domicile: MT

**Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>The purposes of this corporation shall be to naturalize biomimicry in the culture by promoting the transfer of ideas, designs, and strategies from biology to sustainable human systems design.</u>		
	<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>43</b>
	<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>0</b>
Revenue	<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year <u>1,015,286</u>	Current Year <u>904,197</u>
	<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<u>28,285</u>	<u>97,573</u>
	<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<u>711</u>	<u>2,019</u>
	<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<u>16,592</u>	<u>5,182</u>
	<b>12</b>	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>1,060,874</u>	<u>1,008,971</u>
Expenses	<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	<u>19,580</u>	<u>32,056</u>
	<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	<u>588,729</u>	<u>574,807</u>
	<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<u>8,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <u>121,160</u>		
	<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	<u>362,929</u>	<u>407,240</u>
	<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<u>979,238</u>	<u>1,014,103</u>
<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<u>81,636</u>	<u>-5,132</u>	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year <u>855,046</u>	End of Year <u>764,319</u>
	<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>347,354</u>	<u>261,759</u>
	<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<u>507,692</u>	<u>502,560</u>

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Rattner, Executive Director  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name \_\_\_\_\_ Preparer's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check  if self-employed PTIN \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm's name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Firm's EIN ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm's address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

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

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The purposes of this corporation shall be to naturalize biomimicry in the culture by promoting the transfer of ideas, designs, and strategies from biology to sustainable human systems design. About biomimicry: Efforts to address climate change, consumption, pollution, deforestation and the myriad of other issues that threaten the planet have to date been primarily reactive and wholly  
(Continued on Schedule O, Statement 1)

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No

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

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

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

**4a** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 443,645 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 79,529 )

DESIGN CHALLENGES AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: Biomimicry Global Design Challenge: For the last six years, the Biomimicry Institute has worked with university students around the world through the Biomimicry Student Design Challenge (BSDC) to encourage innovative thinking inspired by nature that addresses real world problems. In 2014, the BSDC, officially morphed into the Biomimicry Global Design Challenge (BGDC) to allow for independent professionals to enter. The BGDC is a worldwide competition that asks students and professionals to solve pervasive sustainability problems using biomimicry. The BGDC 2015-2017 challenge is focused on food systems. In 2015 we attracted over 3300 registered users from over 70 countries onto the BGDC website. We had 76 teams from 17 countries participate through submissions. In October of 2015 five teams were chosen to move to the next stage of the challenge, our Biomimicry Accelerator. Over the course of a year, Accelerator teams will work with our business school partners and mentors to expand their design concepts and develop functioning prototypes. At the end of the program, after pitching their innovations to a panel of judges and a second time to a general public audience, the winner will receive the \$100,000 Ray C. Anderson Foundation "Ray of Hope Prize." Other examples of the finalist teams include  
(Continued on Schedule O, Statement 2)

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 207,356 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 4,020 )

ASKNATURE: The Biomimicry Institute's AskNature.org is the world's leading resource for understanding nature's survival strategies and their potential to inspire sustainable human designs. It's the only tool that gathers the world's biological intelligence, organizes it by function, and presents it in non-technical language. Since its launch in 2008, AskNature has attracted nearly 3 million students, educators, and professionals spanning the design, engineering, science, and business fields. AskNature has become the place for design challenge participants, Biomimicry Global Network members and those new to biomimicry to gather inspiration from nature's solutions to human centered problems. It is also a "go-to" for educators seeking to integrate biomimicry into their curriculum. With this free resource, anyone can learn how nature solves particular design problems, whether reducing drag, protecting from extreme temperatures, or creating color without toxins. The biggest gating factor to scaling AskNature has been its antiquated technical platform. Once we fixed this (see below), we have been able to integrate new content from both existing and new partners. Because this content comes from vetted sources, its integration requires minimal quality assurance. These partners include universities such as UC Berkeley and Arizona State, trained Biomimicry Professionals, biomimicry regional  
(Continued on Schedule O, Statement 3)

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 88,315 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 7,058 )

BIOMIMICRY GLOBAL NETWORK (BGN):The Biomimicry Global Network (BGN) is a network of networks that include regional and professional networks. We continued work that began in 2014 through our Biomimicry Network Leaders to establish a model for how the Networks would function together. The Biomimicry Network Leaders Community (BNLC) is a peer-based learning and action network formed to share strategies and work collaboratively on projects that will grow and nourish all types of biomimicry networks. Their shared purpose is to increase knowledge of biomimicry and catalyze its application. Members of the BNLC are selected by their regional and professional networks to represent their networks at the global level. The model we chose for establishing our Biomimicry Global Network (BGN) was not one of centralized control, but rather a web of interconnected nodes. The commitment we made, and continue to make, to those in our Network was to provide the communication tools and conferences to keep people connected. In the beginning, this meant hosting annual conferences, from our Educator Summit to our Global Conference. As regional networks popped up, funded themselves, and grew, they increasingly wanted to host their own  
(Continued on Schedule O, Statement 4)

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) See Schedule O, Statement 5  
(Expenses \$ 98,749 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 6,965 )

**4e** Total program service expenses **▶** 838,065

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? . . . . .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>11</b> 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.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI . . . . .</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>c</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>d</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>f</b> 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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>12 a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII . . . . .</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>14 a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV. . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>15</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>16</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV. . . . .</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions) . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III . . . . .</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** *(continued)*

	Yes	No
<b>20 a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? . . . . .		
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .</i>	✓	
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .		
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>b</b> Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>26</b> Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .</i>	✓	
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>28</b> 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):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	✓	
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	✓	
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 . . . . .</i>	✓	
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>		
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .</i>		✓
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	✓	

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

Table with columns for line numbers (1a-14b), descriptions of questions, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes sub-questions for various IRS forms and financial reporting requirements.

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 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
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . . . .		
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . . . . .		
<b>2</b>	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? . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>3</b>	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? . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>7a</b>	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? . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>7b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b>	The governing body? . . . . .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>9</b>	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 . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► CA
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website     Another's website     Upon request     Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ►  
Beth Rattner, (415)800-1488



**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, and 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.

(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			
Cynthia Hester President until May 2015	2 0	✓		✓				0	0	0
Ashok Goel President as of May 2015	2 0	✓		✓				0	0	0
Alex O'Kinneide Treasurer	1 0	✓		✓				0	0	0
Janine Benyus Director and Former President	3 40	✓						0	50,000	6,963
Duke Stump Director	1 0	✓						0	0	0
John Elkington Director	1 0	✓						0	0	0
Stefan Heck Director	1 0	✓						0	0	0
Ahmed Rahim Director	1 0	✓						0	0	0
Kamal El-Wattar Director	1 0	✓						0	0	0
David Oakey Director until May 2015	1 0	✓						0	0	0
Beth Rattner Executive Director	40 0			✓	✓			121,374	0	8,854





**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	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b> 0					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b> 0					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b> 0					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b> 0					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b> 0					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b> 904,197					
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	1,764					
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .		904,197				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>Business Code</b>						
	<b>2a</b> <u>Biomimicry Workshops, Speaking Engage</u>	611600	76,315	76,315	0	0	
	<b>b</b> <u>Biomimicry Education Courses and Pro</u>	611600	6,465	6,465	0	0	
	<b>c</b> <u>BGDC Program Application Fees</u>	611600	4,520	4,520	0	0	
	<b>d</b> <u>Biomimicry Conferences and Events</u>	611600	10,273	10,273	0	0	
	<b>e</b> . . . . .						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue .		0	0	0	0	
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		97,573					
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		2,019	0	0	2,019	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0	0	0	0	
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .		4,613	4,613	0	0	
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents . . . . .	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses					
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)	0	0				
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .						
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) . . . . .	0	0				
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .						
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>				
		<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .					
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .		<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .							
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>a</b>	2,043					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>b</b>	1,474				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .		569	569	0	0	
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Business Code</b>					
<b>11a</b> -----							
<b>b</b> -----							
<b>c</b> -----							
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		0					
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions. . . . .		1,008,971	102,755	0	2,019		

**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
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . .	0	0		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .	8,402	8,402		
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .	23,654	23,654		
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	135,485	99,068	11,141	25,276
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .	349,437	278,771	19,027	51,639
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	8,978	7,025	520	1,433
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .	52,999	41,473	3,067	8,459
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .	27,908	21,839	1,615	4,454
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .	1,480		1,480	
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .	7,995		7,995	
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .	0			
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .				
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) . . . . .	230,528	207,001	350	23,177
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .	22,252	21,949		303
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .	10,587	4,945	4,597	1,045
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .	35,230	31,200	1,425	2,605
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .	5,049	4,039	512	498
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .	45,839	44,136	743	960
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	37,930	37,836		94
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	243	202	13	28
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .	4,595	2,212	2,074	309
<b>24</b> 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.)				
<b>a</b> <u>Workers Compensation</u> . . . . .	5,512	4,313	319	880
<b>b</b> -----				
<b>c</b> -----				
<b>d</b> -----				
<b>e</b> All other expenses . . . . .				
<b>25</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	1,014,103	838,065	54,878	121,160
<b>26</b> <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) . . . . .				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	351,418	<b>1</b>	120,682
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	467,850	<b>2</b>	627,341
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	1,429	<b>4</b>	1,407
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .	26,222	<b>5</b>	0
	<b>6</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	8,127	<b>9</b>	13,155
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	1,850		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	116	<b>10c</b>	1,734
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>15</b>	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	855,046	<b>16</b>	764,319	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	80,768	<b>17</b>	36,778
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	259,750	<b>19</b>	224,405
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> 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 . . . . .	6,836	<b>22</b>	576
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>25</b>	0
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	347,354	<b>26</b>	261,759
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	430,168	<b>27</b>	468,311
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	77,524	<b>28</b>	34,249
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .	0	<b>29</b>	0
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
	<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	507,692	<b>33</b>	502,560
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	855,046	<b>34</b>	764,319	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	1,008,971
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	1,014,103
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	-5,132
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	507,692
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	0
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	0
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	0
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	0
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	502,560

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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.		
<b>2a</b> 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		✓
<b>b</b> Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	✓	
<b>c</b> 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.	✓	
<b>3a</b> 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? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2015**

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.

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Name of the organization <b>THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE</b>	Employer identification number <b>86-1153859</b>
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**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vii)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
  - f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . .
  - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
<b>Total</b>						

**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
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .	1,076,110	714,819	1,285,938	1,015,286	904,197	4,996,350
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .	1,076,110	714,819	1,285,938	1,015,286	904,197	4,996,350
<b>5</b> 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) . . . . .						2,637,527
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						2,358,823

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 . . . . .	1,076,110	714,819	1,285,938	1,015,286	904,197	4,996,350
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .	10,279	12,893	13,444	17,164	6,632	60,412
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						5,056,762
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					12	310,257
<b>13 First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . .						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	46.65 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	45.79 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test—2015.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2014.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>



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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> 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 . . . .						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . .						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . .						
<b>b</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 . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . .						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (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
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . .						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . .						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . .						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . .						
<b>14 First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . .	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2015</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2014</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . .	<b>18</b>	%
<b>19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 33 1/3% support tests—2014.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>20 Private foundation.</b> 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 in line 11 on 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 <b>Part VI</b> 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 <b>Part VI</b> 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>		
3b	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 <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
3c	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 <b>Part VI</b> 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>		
4b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
4c	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 <b>Part VI</b> 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 <b>Part VI</b>, 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>		
5b	<b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
5c	<b>Substitutions only.</b> 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 (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b>.</i>		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</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 I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</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 <b>Part VI</b>.</i>		
9b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b>.</i>		
9c	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) 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 <b>Part VI</b>.</i>		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
10b	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>		

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

		Yes	No
<b>11</b>	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b>	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>b</b>	A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>c</b>	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>		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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>		
<b>2</b>	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>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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>		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
<b>2</b>	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>		
<b>3</b>	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>		

**Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations**

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

**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.

<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b> Net short-term capital gain	<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Other gross income (see instructions)	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Add lines 1 through 3	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Depreciation and depletion	<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b> 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)	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> Other expenses (see instructions)	<b>7</b>		
<b>8 Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	<b>8</b>		
<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b> Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
<b>a</b> Average monthly value of securities	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Average monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>		
<b>c</b> Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	<b>1c</b>		
<b>d Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	<b>1d</b>		
<b>e Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):			
<b>2</b> Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b> Multiply line 5 by .035	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>7</b>		
<b>8 Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	<b>8</b>		
<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
<b>1</b> Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Enter 85% of line 1	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Income tax imposed in prior year	<b>5</b>		
<b>6 Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).			

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

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

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





SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two Yes/No questions regarding donor advisement.

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

Form for Part II with multiple questions (1-9) regarding conservation easements, including checkboxes for various purposes and a table for 'Held at the End of the Tax Year' with rows 2a-2d.

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.

Form for Part III with questions (1a, 1b, 2) regarding reporting requirements for art and historical treasures, including revenue and asset amounts.

**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:

	Amount
<b>c</b> Beginning balance	<b>1c</b>
<b>d</b> Additions during the year	<b>1d</b>
<b>e</b> Distributions during the year	<b>1e</b>
<b>f</b> Ending balance	<b>1f</b>

**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 on Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.**

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance					
<b>b</b> Contributions					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses					
<b>g</b> End of year balance					

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ .....%
- b** Permanent endowment ▶ .....%
- c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ .....%

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

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

- (i)** unrelated organizations
- (ii)** related organizations

	Yes	No
<b>3a(i)</b>		
<b>3a(ii)</b>		
<b>3b</b>		

**b** If "Yes" on line 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" on 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)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land	0	0	0	0
<b>b</b> Buildings	0	0	0	0
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements	0	0	0	0
<b>d</b> Equipment	0	1,850	116	1,734
<b>e</b> Other	0	0	0	0

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) ▶ **1,734**

**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives . . . . .		
(2) Closely-held equity interests . . . . .		
(3) Other _____		
(A) _____		
(B) _____		
(C) _____		
(D) _____		
(E) _____		
(F) _____		
(G) _____		
(H) _____		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ►		

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ►		

**Part IX Other Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) . . . . . ►	

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value	
(1) Federal income taxes	0	
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ►	0	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	1,058,120
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	0	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	4,400	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	43,275	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	0	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .			<b>2e</b> 47,675
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .			<b>3</b> 1,010,445
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	0	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	-1,474	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .			<b>4c</b> -1,474
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) . . . . .			<b>5</b> 1,008,971

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	1,019,977
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	4,400	
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	0	
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	0	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	1,474	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .			<b>2e</b> 5,874
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .			<b>3</b> 1,014,103
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	0	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	0	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .			<b>4c</b> 0
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) . . . . .			<b>5</b> 1,014,103

**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.

Schedule D, Part X, Line 2 - Provisions for income taxes have not been recorded in these financial statements because TBI believes it had no income unrelated to its exempt purposes in 2015 and 2014. With few exceptions, TBI is no longer subject to tax examination by tax authorities before 2012.

Schedule D, Part XI, Line 4b - \$1474 in Cost of Goods Sold is accounted for as an expense on the audited financial statements, where as on the 990 it is accounted for as a decrease to inventory revenue.

Schedule D, Part XII, Line 2d - \$1474 in Cost of Goods Sold is accounted for as an expense on the audited financial statements, where as on the 990 it is accounted for as a decrease to inventory revenue.

**SCHEDULE F  
(Form 990)**

**Statement of Activities Outside the United States**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2015**

**Open to Public Inspection**

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE**

Employer identification number

**86-1153859**

**Part I** **General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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?  Yes  No

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

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
<b>3a</b> Sub-total . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Total from continuation sheets to Part I . . . . .					
<b>c Totals</b> (add lines 3a and 3b)					

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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.

<b>1</b>	<b>(a)</b> Name of organization	<b>(b)</b> IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	<b>(c)</b> Region	<b>(d)</b> Purpose of grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(f)</b> Manner of cash disbursement	<b>(g)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(i)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									
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(9)									
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									
(15)									
(16)									

**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" on 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) <a href="#">Sch F, Stmt 1</a>							
(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 separately 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)* . . . . .  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 separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; do not file with Form 990)* . . . . .  Yes  No



**Grants To Individuals Located Outside US**

		Recipients	Cash Grant	Non-Cash Assistance
<b>Assistance</b>	A cash prize award was paid to one of the grand prize winners of our 2015 Biomimicry Global Design Challenge-Student Division.	1	5,000	
<b>Region</b>	North America (including Canada and Mexico, but not the United States)			
<b>Cash Disbursement</b>	Check			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>				
<b>Valuation</b>				
<b>Assistance</b>	A cash prize award was paid to the third place winner of our 2015 Biomimicry Global Design Challenge-Student Division	1	1,500	
<b>Region</b>	Europe (including Iceland and Greenland)			
<b>Cash Disbursement</b>	Paypal			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>				
<b>Valuation</b>				
<b>Assistance</b>	As an integral part of our Biomimicry Global Design Challenge, TBI hosted an awards event at SXSW Eco Conference in Austin, Texas in October, 2015. TBI invited 8 team finalists from our 2015 Food Security Challenge to present their design concept to a panel of judges. TBI paid for two team members of the team Bio-Cultivator to travel to Austin, Texas to participate. Each team chose their two team members to represent them at the BGDC Awards Event.	2	224	2,635
<b>Region</b>	Europe (including Iceland and Greenland)			
<b>Cash Disbursement</b>	Cash			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>	The \$2635 is the estimated total cost of all travel expenses combined for both team members. Costs include each team member's airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and meals. Plus a small \$224 per diem was additionally provided during their stay in Austin, Texas for the event.			
<b>Valuation</b>				
<b>Assistance</b>	As an integral part of our Biomimicry Global Design Challenge, TBI hosted an awards event at SXSW Eco Conference in Austin, Texas in October, 2015. TBI invited 8 team finalists from our 2015 Food Security Challenge to present their design concept to a panel of judges. TBI paid for two team members of the team Mangrove Still to travel to Austin, Texas to participate. Each team chose their two team members to represent them at the BGDC Awards Event.	2	224	2,635
<b>Region</b>	Europe (including Iceland and Greenland)			
<b>Cash Disbursement</b>	Cash			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>	The \$2635 is the estimated total cost of all travel expenses combined for both team members. Costs include each team member's airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and meals. Plus a small \$224 per diem was additionally provided during their stay in Austin, Texas for the event.			
<b>Valuation</b>				
<b>Assistance</b>	As an integral part of our Biomimicry Global Design Challenge, TBI hosted an awards event at SXSW Eco Conference in Austin,	2	224	2,635

Texas in October, 2015. TBI invited 8 team finalists from our 2015 Food Security Challenge to present their design concept to a panel of judges. TBI paid for two team members of team HIPS to travel to Austin, Texas to participate. Each team chose their two team members to represent them at the BGDC Awards Event.

**Region** Sub-Saharan Africa

**Cash Disbursement** Cash

**Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.** The \$2635 is the estimated total cost of all travel expenses combined for both team members. Costs include each team member's airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and meals. Plus a small \$224 per diem was additionally provided during their stay in Austin, Texas for the event.

**Valuation**

<b>Assistance</b>	As an integral part of our Biomimicry Global Design Challenge, TBI hosted an awards event at SXSW Eco Conference in Austin, Texas in October, 2015. TBI invited 8 team finalists from our 2015 Food Security Challenge to present their design concept to a panel of judges. TBI paid for two team members of team Hexagro to travel to Austin, Texas to participate. Each team chose their two team members to represent them at the BGDC Awards Event.	2	224	2,635
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**Region** Europe (including Iceland and Greenland)

**Cash Disbursement** Cash

**Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.** The \$2635 is the estimated total cost of all travel expenses combined for both team members. Costs include each team member's airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and meals. Plus a small \$224 per diem was additionally provided during their stay in Austin, Texas for the event.

**Valuation**

<b>Assistance</b>	As an integral part of our Biomimicry Global Design Challenge, TBI hosted an awards event at SXSW Eco Conference in Austin, Texas in October, 2015. TBI invited 8 team finalists from our 2015 Food Security Challenge to present their design concept to a panel of judges. TBI paid for two team members of the team Jube to travel to Austin, Texas to participate. Each team chose their two team members to represent them at the BGDC Awards Event.	2	224	2,635
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**Region** East Asia and the Pacific

**Cash Disbursement** Cash

**Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.** The \$2635 is the estimated total cost of all travel expenses combined for both team members. Costs include each team member's airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and meals. Plus a small \$224 per diem was additionally provided during their stay in Austin, Texas for the event.

**Valuation**

<b>Assistance</b>	As an integral part of our Biomimicry Global Design Challenge, TBI hosted an awards event at SXSW Eco Conference in Austin, Texas in October, 2015. TBI invited 8 team finalists from our 2015 Food Security Challenge to present their design concept to a panel of judges. TBI paid for two team members of the team BioNurse to travel to Austin, Texas to participate. Each team chose their two team members to represent them at the BGDC Awards Event.	2	224	2,635
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**Schedule F, Part V, Statement 1**

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**Region** South America

**Cash Disbursement**

**Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.** The \$2635 is the estimated total cost of all travel expenses combined for both team members. Costs include each team member's airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and meals. Plus a small \$224 per diem was additionally provided during their stay in Austin, Texas for the event.

**Valuation**

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**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2015**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

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**86-1153859**

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  **Yes**  **No**
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

<b>1 (a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) .....							
(2) .....							
(3) .....							
(4) .....							
(5) .....							
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(7) .....							
(8) .....							
(9) .....							
(10) .....							
(11) .....							
(12) .....							

- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ .....
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ .....

**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
1 See Schedule I, Part IV, Statement 1					
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**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Schedule I, Part I, Line 2 - The guidelines for design submissions and rules that oversee the Biomimicry Global Design Challenge and award process are posted on our Challenge website. For this particular situation of student cash awards we do not have criteria for monitoring the funds as it is a small cash award, given after the fact. However, our guidelines on the front-end of the challenge dictate how the designs are judged and the selection criteria we use to determine the award winners. For monitoring the use of general grant funds, we as a matter of practice, require a signed grant agreement which requires each partner to submit an interim progress report and a final project report including programmatic activities and project financial activities.



Description of Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States

		Number of recipients	Amt. of cash grant	Amt. of non-cash asst.
<b>Type of grant</b>	As an integral part of our Biomimicry Global Design Challenge, TBI hosted an awards event at SXSW Eco Conference in Austin, Texas in October, 2015. TBI invited 8 team finalists from our 2015 Food Security Challenge to present their design concept to a panel of judges. TBI paid for two team members of the team Living Filtration to travel to Austin, Texas to participate. Each team chose their two team members to represent them at the BGDC Awards Event.	2	224	2,635
<b>Method of valuation</b>				
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>	The \$2635 is the estimated total cost of all travel expenses combined for both team members. Costs include each team member's airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and meals. Plus a small \$224 per diem was additionally provided during their stay in Austin, Texas for the event.			
<b>Type of grant</b>	As an integral part of our Biomimicry Global Design Challenge, TBI hosted an awards event at SXSW Eco Conference in Austin, Texas in October, 2015. TBI invited 8 team finalists from our 2015 Food Security Challenge to present their design concept to a panel of judges. TBI paid for two team members of the team Oasis Aquaponics to travel to Austin, Texas to participate. Each team chose their two team members to represent them at the BGDC Awards Event.	2	224	2,319
<b>Method of valuation</b>				
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>	The \$2319 is the estimated total cost of all travel expenses combined for both team members. Costs include each team member's airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and meals. Plus a small \$224 per diem was additionally provided during their stay in Austin, Texas for the event.			
<b>Type of grant</b>	A cash prize award was paid to one of the grand prize winners of our 2015 Biomimicry Global Design Challenge-Student Division.	4	3,000	
<b>Method of valuation</b>				
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>				

**SCHEDULE L  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Transactions With Interested Persons**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2015**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
▶ **Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

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**86-1153859**

**Part I Excess Benefit Transactions** (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only).  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958. . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
			(1) <u>Sch L, Stmt 1</u>									
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
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(6)												
(7)												
(8)												
(9)												
(10)												
<b>Total</b> . . . . . ▶						\$	<b>576</b>					

**Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) <i>Sch L, Stmt 2</i>					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
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(6)					
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(10)					

**Part V Supplemental Information**

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

Schedule L, Part II - Biomimicry Group, Inc. (BGI) is a Delaware C Corporation with majority ownership by Janine Benyus, The Biomimicry Institute's (TBI) founder, former board president, and current non-voting member of the board of directors. TBI's and BGI's missions are uniquely aligned, therefore in 2010, BGI and TBI entered into a Services Agreement to better meet TBI's educational objectives, further its exempt activities and fulfill its broader mission to naturalize biomimicry in the culture by promoting the transfer of ideas, designs, and strategies from biology to sustainable human systems design.

Schedule L, Part IV - The Biomimicry Institute (TBI) shares resources and common costs in a mutually beneficial agreement with the Biomimicry Group (BGI). BGI is a for profit enterprise whose majority shareholder is TBI's founder, former board president and current non-voting board of director. The resource sharing agreement was amended in June of 2013, where TBI became the employer of its core staff, but shares facilities, equipment and overhead costs with BGI. Under the agreements the common costs and shared employees are allocated to each entity based on the actual costs incurred based on hours worked, square footage, or other basis that is most appropriate for the costs to be allocated. As of January 1, 2015 TBI no longer shared facilities, but still shared a few employees and overhead costs with BGI. In 2010 TBI also entered into a licensing agreement with BGI that allowed BGI to license intellectual property owned by TBI at fair market value. The agreement stipulated that BGI must pay TBI five percent of gross revenues received by BGI from the sale of products and services that directly use a material portion of the licensed materials. In 2015, this agreement was terminated.

Schedule L, Part V, Statement 1

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Form: Schedule L

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Description of Loans to and/or From Interested Persons

Name of interested person	Relationship with organization	Purpose of loan	Loan to	Loan fr.	OPA	Due	Dflt.	Appr.	Writt.
Biomimicry Group Inc (BGI)	TBI Director is a Majority Owner of BGI	Act Payables for Dec Services provided by BGI per the board approved Services Agreement	Yes		576	576	No	Yes	Yes

**Total:** **576**

Loan to = Loan to organization?

Loan fr. = Loan from organization?

OPA = Original principal amount

Due = Balance due

Dflt. = In default?

Appr. = Approved by board or committee?

Writt. = Written agreement?

**Description of Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons**

		<b>Amount of transaction</b>
<b>Name</b>	Biomimicry Group Inc (BGI)	25,923
<b>Relationship with organization</b>	TBI Director is a Majority Owner of BGI	
<b>Description of transaction</b>	BGI paid TBI for shared meeting expenses per the TBI-BGI Services Agreement	
<b>Sharing Of Revenues</b>	No	
<b>Name</b>	Biomimicry Group Inc (BGI)	5,761
<b>Relationship with organization</b>	TBI Director is a Majority Owner of BGI	
<b>Description of transaction</b>	BGI paid TBI for payment of licensing royalties and interest	
<b>Sharing Of Revenues</b>	No	
<b>Name</b>	Biomimicry Group Inc (BGI)	388
<b>Relationship with organization</b>	TBI Director is a Majority Owner of BGI	
<b>Description of transaction</b>	BGI paid TBI for staff services, primarily IT support per the TBI-BGI Services Agreement	
<b>Sharing Of Revenues</b>	No	
<b>Name</b>	Biomimicry Group Inc (BGI)	3,017
<b>Relationship with organization</b>	TBI Director is a Majority Owner of BGI	
<b>Description of transaction</b>	TBI paid BGI for for staff services, primarily administrative and IT support per the TBI-BGI Services Agreement	
<b>Sharing Of Revenues</b>	No	
<b>Name</b>	Biomimicry Group Inc (BGI)	5,768
<b>Relationship with organization</b>	TBI Director is a Majority Owner of BGI	
<b>Description of transaction</b>	TBI paid BGI for shared Equipment, Utilities and Computer resources per the TBI-BGI Services Agreement	
<b>Sharing Of Revenues</b>	No	

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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**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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Form 990, Part I, Line 6 - The Biomimicry Institute is grateful for its faithful volunteers who dedicated over 771 hours to our organization by helping to enhance our AskNature content, organizing and judging our 2015 SXSW Design Challenge Awards event, and furthering our Biomimicry Design Challenge.

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 4 - In 2013 the Biomimicry Institute's bylaws were amended to include a permanent Board of Director's seat reserved for Ms Janine Benyus. In 2015 Ms Benyus became a non-voting member of the board.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b - Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11a-11b: The following is the official Biomimicry Institute 990 policy included as part of its Board of Director's governance policies: The Biomimicry Institute recognizes that the Board of Directors has the right to review the Form 990 prior to its filing. Procedure is as follows: A. The Biomimicry Institute's senior management is responsible for the timely preparation of Form 990. B. The completed Form 990 will be provided to the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors sufficiently in advance of the filing deadline to enable a comprehensive and careful review by all members of the committee. Questions and concerns of the Finance Committee members will be addressed by the Biomimicry Institute's Financial Officer and incorporated into the Form 990 as appropriate. C. All members of the Board of Directors will be invited to view the completed Form 990 in advance of the filing deadline. Questions and concerns of the Board will be addressed by the Biomimicry Institute's Financial Officer and incorporated into the Form 990 as appropriate. D. After all of the input from the Board of Directors and Finance Committee has been appropriately addressed, senior management of the Biomimicry Institute will file the final Form 990 as required

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c - Part VI, Section B, Line 12c. According to the Biomimicry Institute's Conflict of Interest policy each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board-delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person: a. has received a copy of the conflict of interest policy; b. has read and understands the policy; c. has agreed to comply with the policy; and d. understands TBI is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes. In addition, our policy calls for periodic reviews to ensure TBI operates in a manner consistent with its charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects: a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining; b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15 - In 2012, a committee of the Biomimicry Institute's (TBI) Board of Directors reviewed and recommended the compensation for the Executive Director. The committee used data from the 2011 Guidestar Nonprofit Compensation Report. In addition, the board committee comprised their own data from like-minded organizations and positions. The current Executive Director's salary was based off that salary range and was, according to TBI policy, board approved. The current Executive Director's salary has not changed other than a one - time standard COLA raise, which all staff received. 15.b. During the annual budgeting process, the Executive Director reviews the compensation for each staff member who is expected to work on any TBI projects in the coming budget cycle. That review incorporates the Executive Director's judgement of the skills, education, and experience needed to accomplish TBI projects. The Executive Director also compares the salary rates with third party pay scale data. The result of this review is included as part of the budget and narrative provided to the Board of Directors for approval.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 18 - Part VI, Section C, Line 19: Governing documents, policies and financial statements are made available to the public upon request. The 990 and audited financial statements are also available on our website.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19 - Part VI, Section C, Line 19: Governing documents, policies and financial statements are made available to the public upon request. They are also available through third party sites such as Guidestar. The 990 and audited financial statements are also available on our website.

Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g - The Biomimicry Institute spent a total of \$230,528 in Other Professional Service fees. This amount included \$92,298 for the AskNature Director and other AskNature program needs, \$14,000 for the Biomimicry Global Network Program Leader, \$22,850 in Business Development contracts, \$23,556 in Graphic Design Contracts, \$20,859 in outside professional services to provide assistance on our Biomimicry Global Design Challenge, mostly for the Accelerator portion of the Challenge, \$45,767 in subcontract fees for our Corporate and University Challenge Contracts, and \$11,198 for assistance with planning and marketing our Biomimicry Education Summit, and other miscellaneous outreach needs.

**Mission Description**

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**Description**

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insufficient. The strategies we've relied on to provide food, water, energy, shelter, and comfort to a growing population are now seen as compounding rather than solving the problems. Biomimicry is a new science that studies nature's best ideas, abstracts the deep design principles, and then emulates these designs and processes to solve human problems. The Biomimicry Institute is the foremost authority and the all around go-to place for biomimicry information, through its three projects; Biomimicry Design Challenges and Education, AskNature, and Biomimicry Global Network.

**First Program Service Accomplishments Description**

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**Description**

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the Living Filtration System, designed by a team from Eugene, Oregon, who were inspired by the earthworms digestive system and the human small intestine to develop a biomimetic drainage system that keeps nutrients in the soil rather than leaving the field in runoff and Jube designed by a team from Bangkok, Thailand. They developed Jube, a carnivorous plant-inspired chamber for capturing edible insects. Insects are a significant protein source for people living in developing countries and require considerably fewer resources to cultivate compared to meat. To support these international teams, we expanded the biomimicry resources available to participants and enhanced the user experience for both participants and judges. We launched the Biomimicry Toolbox in 2015 and have continued to evolve this publicly-available resource based on lessons learned throughout the first year of the Challenge. We also continue to strengthen the Biomimicry Global Design Challenge through participation from our Biomimicry Global Network, as well as like-minded thought leaders and organizations. We cultivated new partnerships with subject matter experts within the food system. Will Rosenzweig, the founding dean and director of the Culinary Institute of America's Food Business School is a premiere partner. We partnered with The Land Institute and the International Living Future Institute (ILFI) to create design briefs, judge entries, and mentor participants, thus expanding the reach of the Challenge to the built environment, permaculture, and regenerative agriculture sectors. We are also working to secure new prizes in partnership with ILFI for submissions that best meet their Living Product Challenge (LPC) criteria. Formal Education: In addition to running the BGDC, the Institute provided content, contacts, and resources to help universities and other public-private partnership organizations host their own challenges. In 2015, we began to recognize the unique window of opportunity that STEM education can provide as a platform for biomimicry education and have forged a new partnership with EcoRise Youth Innovations. EcoRise is a Texas-based nonprofit that creates academically aligned K-12 curriculum emphasizing environmental literacy, social innovation, and design. In 2016 we will work with EcoRise and co-develop a biomimicry-based, standards-aligned science curriculum for high school students with modules covering biology, chemistry, and physics, and culminating with a capstone design challenge. In addition to creating new educational content, we continued to build the infrastructure needed to host and share with teachers the growing catalog of biomimicry education materials. AskNature.org will become the repository for this this Biomimicry Education Network content



**Second Program Service Accomplishments Description**

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**Description**

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networks, and Zygote Quarterly. We are also cultivating relationships with expert organizations such as National Geographic Society, California Academy of Sciences, and Kew Gardens. As well, we are creating new innovation stories, strategy collections, and tools to help educators integrate biomimicry into curriculum. Additional content-related accomplishments for AskNature this year include the following: 1. New AskNature content was developed in direct support of the BGDC, focusing on 10 biological strategies related to food system challenges (like filtering water and transporting large amounts of nutrients). The AskNature team also presented a BGDC educational webinar called "Finding Inspiration in Nature." Via this forum, we provided participants with guidance on how to make the most of AskNature as an inspiration and support tool, using a mini design challenge as a case example. 2. We curated five new Collections (Resilient Food Systems, LifeFriendly Packaging, Managing Waste, Energy in Nature, and Managing Soil) and updated two (Chemistry of Nature and Managing Water) to support BGDC participants. 3. By invitation, we created a featured collection on National Geographic Society's (NGS) Great Nature Project and contribute monthly "Creature Feature" posts to its education blog. Technical Development of AskNature: In 2015 much time by the AskNature team was spent planning and initiating an overhaul of the site to meet user needs and lay the foundation for scalable and secure functionality. A functional demo was built using an agile development process that engaged key stakeholders in ongoing feedback. This demo went beyond the then-current website functionality with critical upgrades that enable community contributed content and can ultimately support automated content aggregation and collaboration tools-whether developed by the Institute or others. By fall of next year, the new fully functional AskNature site will be launched.

**Third Program Service Accomplishments Description**

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**Description**

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conferences and their own workshops, which achieves scale. And with AskNature offering a communication platform and a Network Leader Facebook group, connectivity happens in multiple forms. Thus, we turned our attention back toward our core demographic, our 5,000 educators in the Biomimicry Education Network (BEN), which is also part of the Global Network. The Biomimicry Education Network (BEN) is the first professional biomimicry network. Members include educators who work with youth, university students, and informal student groups. The BEN website provides resources to help educators bring biomimicry into the classroom and facilitates the exchange of ideas and best practices. Biomimicry Fellows are educators within the BEN who are extensively trained in biomimicry and committed to bringing biomimicry to their respective institutions. University affiliates within this network have committed to prepare students to graduate with a certificate or a minor, major, or advanced degree in biomimicry, and/or partner with the Institute on corporate design challenges or similar semester- or year-long projects. We recognize that there is a lifetime arc to learning and practicing biomimicry and this orientation begins in K-12. Because we already have traction with high school educators through our Biomimicry Global Design Challenge, we are putting renewed emphasis on secondary education.

**Other Program Services Accomplishments**

Activity Code	Description	Expense	Grants	Revenue
	COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH: This program includes other supportive Biomimicry Institute (TBI) educational outreach activities such as sales of TBI products like our Second Nature video, Ask the Planet children's music CD, and online biomimicry courses. In addition our staff provide educational materials, resources, workshops and speaking engagements to a wide array of audiences.	98,749		6,965
<b>Total:</b>		<b>98,749</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,965</b>

**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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**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.

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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
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**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
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**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	
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**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
(1) <a href="#">See Schedule R, Part VII, Statement 1</a>									
(2) -----									
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**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
<b>1</b> 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?		
<b>a</b> Receipt of <b>(i)</b> interest, <b>(ii)</b> annuities, <b>(iii)</b> royalties, or <b>(iv)</b> rent from a controlled entity . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) . . . . .	✓	
<b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) . . . . .	✓	
<b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) . . . . .	✓	
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) . . . . .	✓	
<b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) . . . . .	✓	
<b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .		✓
<b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .	✓	
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) . . . . .		✓

**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
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(5)				
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**Part VI** **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

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.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(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		Yes	No	
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**Part VII Supplemental Information**

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

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Schedule R, Part V, Line 1e - Part Line 1.e, 1.j., 1k., 1l., 1m., and 1q.: Although TBI did have the above mentioned transactions with a related organization, all the amounts are well below the reporting limits therefore no explanation is required. All transactions are related to the board approved agreements between the Biomimicry Group, Inc. and The Biomimicry Institute, mentioned in Schedule R, Part IV.



Description of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust

		Share of total income	Share of end- of-year assets	Percentage Controlled ownership
<b>Name and EIN</b>	Biomimicry Group Inc (BGI) (27-1836345)			0%No
<b>Address</b>	PO Box 8782 Missoula, MT 59807			
<b>Primary activity</b>	Professional Biomimicry Services			
<b>State or foreign country</b>	DE			
<b>Direct controlling entity</b>	N/A			
<b>Type of entity</b>	C			