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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2021

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Form 990 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 09-01-2021, and ending 08-31-2022

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

C Name of organization: Mercatus Center Inc. Doing business as: Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 3434 Washington Blvd 4th Floor. Room/suite: City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Arlington, VA 222014508

D Employer identification number: 54-1436224. E Telephone number: (703) 993-4930. G Gross receipts \$ 50,725,293

F Name and address of principal officer: Gary Leff, 3434 Washington Blvd 4th Floor, Arlington, VA 222014508

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? No. H(b) Are all subordinates included? No. H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3)

J Website: www.mercatus.org

K Form of organization: Corporation

L Year of formation: 1987. M State of legal domicile: VA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include mission statement, number of voting members, employees, volunteers, and revenue.

Revenue

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include contributions, program service revenue, investment income, other revenue, and total revenue.

Expenses

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include grants paid, benefits, salaries, fundraising fees, other expenses, and total expenses.

Net Assets or Fund Balances

Table with 3 columns: Description, Beginning of Current Year, End of Year. Rows include total assets, total liabilities, and net assets or fund balances.

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.

Sign Here: Signature of officer Gary Leff, Treasurer and CFO. Date: 2023-02-22

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: Rogers & Company PLLC. Date: 2023-02-22. Firm's address: 8300 Boone Boulevard Suite 600, Vienna, VA 22182.

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

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 Center educates students and is an organization that uses sound interdisciplinary research and application in the humane sciences that integrates theory and practice to develop insights and tools that can sustainably advance a free, prosperous, and civil society.

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 \$ **17,479,677** including grants of \$ **8,949,660**) (Revenue \$ **366**)
 University Research & Teaching - Supports academic research and faculty activities at George Mason University and elsewhere to advance and apply a research agenda for understanding institutions and change or broadly advance a free and prosperous society.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **11,097,251** including grants of \$ **1,739,096**) (Revenue \$ **30,900**)
 Applied Research- Conduct economic research of consequence that makes sense of public policy problems and puts forward solutions that maximize individual freedom and prosperity.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **6,279,123** including grants of \$ **769,005**) (Revenue \$ **122,005**)
 Student Programs - Support Graduate Students at George Mason University and elsewhere training future scholars and decision-makers to advance and apply a research agenda for understanding institutions and change.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ **3,870,273** including grants of \$ **851**) (Revenue \$ **155**)
 Communications - Improves the effectiveness of Mercatus outreach efforts, raises its public profile, and promotes its research and ideas to media and opinion shapers.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ **1,684,105** including grants of \$ **370**) (Revenue \$)
 Outreach - Brings education in economic ideas to key decision-makers in the public policy process.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ **1,365,637** including grants of \$ **300**) (Revenue \$)
 Public Affairs - Seeks to inform alumni, faculty, and supporters about the efforts of the Center and build communication that develops a network of individuals interested in liberty.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
 (Expenses \$ **6,920,015** including grants of \$ **1,521**) (Revenue \$ **155**)

4e **Total program service expenses** **41,776,066**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No response columns. Rows include questions 1 through 21, with sub-questions 11a-e and 12a-b. Questions cover topics like organizational type, lobbying, donor funds, and fundraising activities.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance
 Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

<p>2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return</p>	<p>2a 226</p>			
<p>b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. See instructions.</p>	<p>2b</p>	<p>Yes</p>		
<p>3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?</p>	<p>3a</p>		<p>No</p>	
<p>b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year?<i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i></p>	<p>3b</p>			
<p>4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?</p>	<p>4a</p>		<p>No</p>	
<p>b Enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).</p>	<p>4b</p>			
<p>5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?</p>	<p>5a</p>		<p>No</p>	
<p>b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?</p>	<p>5b</p>		<p>No</p>	
<p>c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?</p>	<p>5c</p>			
<p>6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?</p>	<p>6a</p>		<p>No</p>	
<p>b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?</p>	<p>6b</p>			
<p>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</p>				
<p>a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?</p>	<p>7a</p>	<p>Yes</p>		
<p>b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?</p>	<p>7b</p>	<p>Yes</p>		
<p>c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?</p>	<p>7c</p>		<p>No</p>	
<p>d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year</p>	<p>7d</p>			
<p>e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?</p>	<p>7e</p>		<p>No</p>	
<p>f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?</p>	<p>7f</p>		<p>No</p>	
<p>g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?</p>	<p>7g</p>			
<p>h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?</p>	<p>7h</p>			
<p>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?</p>	<p>8</p>			
<p>9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</p>				
<p>a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?</p>	<p>9a</p>			
<p>b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?</p>	<p>9b</p>			
<p>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:</p>				
<p>a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12</p>	<p>10a</p>			
<p>b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities</p>	<p>10b</p>			
<p>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:</p>				
<p>a Gross income from members or shareholders</p>	<p>11a</p>			
<p>b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)</p>	<p>11b</p>			
<p>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?</p>				
<p>b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.</p>	<p>12b</p>			
<p>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</p>				
<p>a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?</p>	<p>13a</p>			
<p>Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.</p>				
<p>b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans</p>	<p>13b</p>			
<p>c Enter the amount of reserves on hand</p>	<p>13c</p>			
<p>14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?</p>	<p>14a</p>		<p>No</p>	
<p>b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments?<i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i></p>	<p>14b</p>			
<p>15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?</p>	<p>15</p>		<p>No</p>	
<p>16 If the organization is a trust, did it file Form 720, Schedule E, to report the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?</p>	<p>16</p>		<p>No</p>	
<p>If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.</p>				
<p>17 Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, any disqualified person, or mine operator engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953?</p>	<p>17</p>			
<p>If "Yes," complete Form 6069.</p>				

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI



Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members... 1b Enter the number of voting members... 2 Did any officer, director, trustee... 3 Did the organization delegate control... 4 Did the organization make any significant changes... 5 Did the organization become aware... 6 Did the organization have members... 7a Did the organization have members... 7b Are any governance decisions... 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document... 8a The governing body? 8b Each committee... 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee...

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters... 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies... 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy... 11b Describe on Schedule O the process... 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy... 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees... 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor... 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy... 14 Did the organization have a written document retention... 15 Did the process for determining compensation... 15a The organization's CEO... 15b Other officers or key employees... 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to... 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy...

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: AL, AR, CA, FL, HI, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM, NY, ND, OK, OR, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WV
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, 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 [x] 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: The Center 3434 Washington Blvd 4th Floor Arlington, VA 222014508 (703) 993-4930

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 the 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, Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

• List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

• List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(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			
(1) Tyler Cowen Chairman	1.00	X		X			78,258	0	0	
(2) Richard Fink Director	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(3) Vernon Smith Director	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(4) Brian Hooks Director	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(5) Emily Chamlee-Wright Director	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(6) Edwin Meese Director	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(7) Manuel Johnson Director	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) Donald Boudreaux Director	1.00	X					80,000	0	0	
(9) Salen Churi Director	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(10) Virgil Henry Storr Director/ VP Academic & Student Programs	40.00	X					206,005	0	96	
(11) Daniel M Rothschild Executive Director	40.00			X			464,300	0	31,365	
(12) Jennifer Zambone Secretary & Chief Operating Officer	40.00			X			240,275	0	10,453	
(13) Gary Leff Treasurer and CFO	20.00			X			182,673	0	18,944	
(14) Daniel Butler Senior Director of Development	40.00					X	326,449	0	8,578	
(15) Veronique De Rugy Senior Research Fellow	40.00					X	284,454	0	19,843	
(16) Eileen Norcross VP of Policy Research	40.00					X	251,574	0	26,323	
(17) Patrick McLaughlin Director of Policy Analytics	40.00					X	235,000	0	7,525	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

	(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Amt Similar Amounts				
1a Federated campaigns				
b Membership dues				
c Fundraising events				
d Related organizations				
e Government grants (contributions)				
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above			49,537,054	
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$			411,662	
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f				49,537,054

Program Service Revenue		Business Code	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
		2a Educational programs	611710	153,426	153,426	
b						
c						
d						
e						
f All other program service revenue.						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.			153,426			

Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		88,257			88,257	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	292,515				
		(ii) Personal					
		6b Less: rental expenses	0				
		6c Rental income or (loss)	292,515				
	d Net rental income or (loss)		292,515			292,515	
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	653,107				
		(ii) Other					
		7b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	610,820	7,963			
		7c Gain or (loss)	42,287	-7,963			
	d Net gain or (loss)		34,324			34,324	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18						
		8b Less: direct expenses					
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19						
		9b Less: direct expenses					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances						
10b Less: cost of goods sold							
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
11a Other revenue	900099		934			934	
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			934				
12 Total revenue. See instructions			50,106,510	153,426	0	416,030	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	8,186,395	8,186,395		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	1,416,084	1,416,084		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	1,856,803	1,856,803		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,469,940	293,988	587,976	587,976
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	16,566,450	15,883,142	223,352	459,956
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	1,272,066	1,183,084	30,680	58,302
10 Payroll taxes	1,230,023	1,108,188	51,333	70,502
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	53,017	39,910	1,427	11,680
c Accounting	19,858		19,858	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	11,961		11,961	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	5,257,457	4,983,495	53,374	220,588
12 Advertising and promotion	221,324	219,550	16	1,758
13 Office expenses	1,522,011	1,083,396	14,233	424,382
14 Information technology	882,830	733,651	121,276	27,903
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,484,984	1,377,000	42,619	65,365
17 Travel	2,641,448	2,566,964	66,708	7,776
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	547,243	524,482	20,475	2,286
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	239,151	221,760	6,864	10,527
23 Insurance	57,201		57,201	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Bad debt	50,816	47,121	1,458	2,237
b List rental	41,479	697		40,782
c Memberships	41,182	34,592	6,537	53
d Property taxes	17,000	15,764	488	748
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	45,086,723	41,776,066	1,317,836	1,992,821
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash-non-interest-bearing	8,396,247	1	14,723,036
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	27,766,833	2	26,017,195
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	500,000	3	250,000
	4 Accounts receivable, net	57,519	4	23,387
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	485,720	9	737,023
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,391,825		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 930,710	468,474	10c 461,115
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	1,865,587	11	1,687,867
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	116,101	15	0
16 Total assets: Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	39,656,481	16	43,899,623	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,098,321	17	1,368,326
	18 Grants payable	2,682,357	18	2,870,376
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	195,800	25	291,845
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	4,976,478	26	4,530,547
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	21,749,916	27	23,165,573
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	12,930,087	28	16,203,503
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	34,680,003	32	39,369,076
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	39,656,481	33	43,899,623	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	50,106,510
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	45,086,723
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	5,019,787
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	34,680,003
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-330,714
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	10	39,369,076

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2021

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Mercatus Center Inc

Employer identification number
54-1436224

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 12, 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).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 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.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 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 on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - 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- 10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

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

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019, (d) 2020, (e) 2021, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019, (d) 2020, (e) 2021, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income; 11 Total support.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 699,086
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 14: Public support percentage for 2021 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 75.730 %
Row 15: Public support percentage for 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 73.690 %

16a 33 1/3% support test—2021. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 33 1/3% support test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 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) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
c Add lines 7a and 7b. .						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6.						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
c Add lines 10a and 10b.						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2021 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2021. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b	Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (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? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
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? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990) .		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
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)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).		

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 (*explain in Part VI*). See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

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

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

- | | | | |
|--|-----------|--|--|
| 1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year): | 1 | | |
| a Average monthly value of securities | 1a | | |
| b Average monthly cash balances | 1b | | |
| c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets | 1c | | |
| d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c) | 1d | | |
| e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>): | | | |
| 2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets | 2 | | |
| 3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d | 3 | | |
| 4 Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions). | 4 | | |
| 5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3) | 5 | | |
| 6 Multiply line 5 by 0.035 | 6 | | |
| 7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 7 | | |
| 8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6) | 8 | | |

Section C - Distributable Amount

Current Year

- | | | |
|--|----------|--|
| 1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A) | 1 | |
| 2 Enter 85% of line 1 | 2 | |
| 3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A) | 3 | |
| 4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3 | 4 | |
| 5 Income tax imposed in prior year | 5 | |
| 6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions) | 6 | |

- 7** Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

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

(continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI)	5	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions	6	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions	8	
9 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6	9	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	10	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2021	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2021
1 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2021 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2021:			
a From 2016.			
b From 2017.			
c From 2018.			
d From 2019.			
e From 2020.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2016 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2021 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2021, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2021. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2022. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2017.			
b Excess from 2018.			
c Excess from 2019.			
d Excess from 2020.			
e Excess from 2021.			

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

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2021

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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.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization Mercatus Center Inc

Employer identification number

54-1436224

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 questions about donor/donor advisor notification.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Form for Part II Conservation Easements. Includes checkboxes for various purposes, a table for 'Held at the End of the Year' with rows 2a-2d, and several numbered questions about monitoring and reporting.

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 Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Includes questions about reporting and amounts for art and historical treasures.

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 |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶
 - c** Term endowment ▶
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

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

- (i)** Unrelated organizations
- (ii)** Related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

- b** If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		635,721	498,249	137,472
d Equipment		756,104	432,461	323,643
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				461,115

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)		
Total. (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)		
Total. (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)	
Total. (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	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	291,845

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.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	51,277,668
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-330,714	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	1,513,833	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,183,119	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	50,094,549	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	11,961	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	11,961	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	50,106,510	

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	46,588,595
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	1,513,833	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,513,833	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	45,074,762	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	11,961	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	11,961	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	45,086,723	

Part XIII**Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
Part X, Line 2:	Management has evaluated the Center's tax positions and concluded that the Center did not have any significant uncertain tax positions at August 31, 2022 and 2021.

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Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

SCHEDULE F (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Mercatus Center Inc

Employer identification number

54-1436224

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

- For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants or other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 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 the region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (such as, 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 the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
(1) Central America and the Caribbean	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	55,000
(2) East Asia and the Pacific	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	84,000
(3) Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	0	7	Program Services	Contract editorial services, survey design services, research and data collection services, teacher resources service provider including mapping course outlines/syllabi and data management	111,353
(4) Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	368,200
(5) North America	0	1	Program Services	Information Technology Services	35,417
(6) North America	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	370,175
(7) Russia and Neighboring States	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	10,000
(8) South America	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	11,000
(9) South Asia	0	4	Program Services	Consultancy services including editorial and creative consulting, sound engineer services, outreach and promotional services, research and data collection services, and compliance consultancy	66,598
(10) South Asia	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	930,428
(11) Sub-Saharan Africa	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region	Educational programs	28,000
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
3a Sub-total	0	8			1,045,145
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	4			1,025,026
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	12			2,070,171

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.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Student development/education grants	50,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(2)			North America	Student development/education grants	10,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(3)			South Asia	Student development/education/research grants	25,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(4)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Student development/education grants	37,600	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(5)			East Asia and the Pacific	Student development/education grants	58,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(6)			South Asia	Research Grants	45,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(7)			South Asia	Research Grants	350,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(8)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grants	45,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(9)			South Asia	Research Grants	31,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(10)			North America	Research Grants	150,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(11)			South Asia	Research Grants	15,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(12)			North America	Research Grants	100,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(13)			South Asia	Research Grants	26,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(14)			South Asia	Research Grants	32,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(15)			South Asia	Research Grants	40,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(16)			South Asia	Research Grants	25,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A

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 5

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities 11

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 noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1) Student development/education grants/research grants	Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	3	135,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(2) Student development/education/research grants	South Asia	22	326,428	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(3) Research grants	Central America and the Caribbean	2	55,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(4) Research grants	East Asia and the Pacific	3	26,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(5) Research grants	Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	7	100,600	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(6) Research grants	North America	7	110,175	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(7) Research grants	Russia and Neighboring States	1	10,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(8) Research grants	South America	1	11,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(9) Research grants	South Asia	1	15,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(10) Research grants	Sub-Saharan Africa	3	28,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0	N/A	N/A
(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; don't 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; don't file with Form 990).* Yes No

Part V Supplemental Information

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

ReturnReference	Explanation
Part I, Line 2:	Faculty awards are given to those Center faculty members who actively engage in original research. In addition, grants were made to support research at other universities that advance the mission of the center and for promising projects to meaningfully improving society through the Emergent Ventures program. Research projects are expected to result in scholarly journal articles, book manuscripts, monographs, or other quality products.
Part I, line 3:	Foreign expenses are directly tracked and accounted for on the accrual method of accounting used for books.
Part III Accounting Method:	

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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.

Table with 8 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC section (if applicable), (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other), (g) Description of noncash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance. Rows include various organizations like American Press Institute, Arizona State University, Brigham and Women's Hospital, etc.

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 46

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 12

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 noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1) Research Grants	47	1,409,360	0	N/A	N/A
(2) Student development/education grants	8	6,724	0	N/A	N/A
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

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

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 2:	Faculty awards are given to those Center faculty members who actively engage in original research. In addition, grants were made to support research at other universities that advance the mission of the center and for promising projects to meaningfully improving society through the Emergent Ventures program. Research projects are expected to result in scholarly journal articles, book manuscripts, monographs, or other quality products.
Schedule I, Part I, Line 1(h):	Grants were given to the George Mason University for the following purposes: to provide general support for the mission and activities of the George Mason University Foundation; to provide support for research by faculty members in economics; to support student tuition in the Department of Economics; to support student stipends in the Department of Economics; and for summer support and course buyouts for faculty members in economics.

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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

OMB No. 1545-0047

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

- ▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**
- ▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
- ▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

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Name of the organization
Mercatus Center Inc

Employer identification number

54-1436224

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on Line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on Line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
 - b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
 - c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
 - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
 - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		
2		
4a		No
4b		No
4c		No
5a		No
5b		No
6a		No
6b		No
7		No
8		No
9		

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2, 1099-MISC compensation, and/or 1099-NEC			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 Daniel M Rothschild Executive Director	(i)	239,300	225,000	0	0	31,365	495,665	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Daniel Butler Senior Director of Development	(i)	201,449	125,000	0	0	8,578	335,027	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Veronique De Rugy Senior Research Fellow	(i)	214,454	70,000	0	0	19,843	304,297	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Eileen Norcross VP of Policy Research	(i)	202,274	49,300	0	0	26,323	277,897	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Jennifer Zambone Secretary & Chief Operating Officer	(i)	188,125	52,150	0	0	10,453	250,728	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Patrick McLaughlin Director of Policy Analytics	(i)	200,000	35,000	0	0	7,525	242,525	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Charles Blahous J. Fish and Lilian F. Smith Chair	(i)	204,490	10,000	0	0	27,168	241,658	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Virgil Henry Storr Director/ VP Academic & Student Prog	(i)	71,250	134,755	0	0	96	206,101	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Gary Leff Treasurer and CFO	(i)	132,300	50,373	0	0	18,944	201,617	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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Noncash Contributions

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- ▶ **Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**
- ▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
- ▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Mercatus Center Inc

Employer identification number

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	10	411,662	Fair market value
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (_____)				
26 Other ▶ (_____)				
27 Other ▶ (_____)				
28 Other ▶ (_____)				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29**

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		Yes	No
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.			No
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?			No
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?			No
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.			
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.			

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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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.**

▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.**

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Mercatus Center Inc

Employer identification number

54-1436224

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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11b	A draft of the Form 990 is prepared by the independent accountants and provided to the Chairman of the Board for review prior to filing.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	Conflicts and potential conflicts of interest are described in the Center's Employee Manual, which is distributed to all employees. Disclosure is required contemporaneously with any potential conflicts and employees are regularly reminded of the obligation.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	Officer compensation is set annually by a vote of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. Decisions are documented by the Executive Committee and provided to the organization. The committee considers employee performance, their knowledge of non-profit practices, and comparability data.
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	The Organization's makes its financial statements and governing documents available upon request to those deemed to have a bona fide business purpose which advances the exempt purpose of the organization.
Form 990, Part IX, line 11g	General Contract Services: Program service expenses 1,267,061. Management and general expenses 52,263. Fundraising expenses 169,139. Total expenses 1,488,463. Honoraria, Fellowships, Sponsorships & Awards: Program service expenses 3,609,699. Management and general expenses 453. Fundraising expenses 50,440. Total expenses 3,660,592. Photography, Production, & Film: Program service expenses 73,285. Management and general expenses 0. Fundraising expenses 0. Total expenses 73,285. Temporary Help: Program service expenses 20,786. Management and general expenses 643. Fundraising expenses 987. Total expenses 22,416. Peer Reviews: Program service expenses 12,664. Management and general expenses 15. Fundraising expenses 22. Total expenses 12,701.
Form 990, Part XII, Line 2c:	The Center's Board of Directors assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, including selection of independent accountants. This process is consistent with prior years.

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