

990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2023

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Form

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 09-01-2023, and ending 08-31-2024

- 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 \$ 39,392,965

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

Revenue

Expenses

Net Assets or Fund Balances

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include mission statement, membership counts, revenue (45,540,249), expenses (49,250,629), and net assets (37,594,986).

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: 2025-02-24

Paid Preparer Use Only: Firm's name Rogers & Company PLLC, address 8300 Boone Boulevard Suite 600, Vienna, VA 22182. Preparer's signature, date, and PTIN P02014004.

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 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 \$ **17,150,390** including grants of \$ **7,311,279**) (Revenue \$ **101,219**)

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 \$ **10,217,258** including grants of \$ **744,115**) (Revenue \$ **3,968**)

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 \$ **7,148,498** including grants of \$ **1,790,327**) (Revenue \$ **105,000**)

Student Programs - Support Graduate Students at George Mason University, training future scholars and decision-makers to advance and apply a research agenda for understanding institutions and change.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ **3,698,682** including grants of \$ **5,000**) (Revenue \$ **168**)

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 \$ **1,653,519** including grants of \$ **93,600**) (Revenue \$)

Outreach - Brings education in economic ideas to key decision-makers in the public policy process.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ **1,376,618** including grants of \$) (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 \$ **6,728,819** including grants of \$ **98,600**) (Revenue \$ **168**)

4e **Total program service expenses** **41,244,965**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Question text, and Yes/No response columns. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding organizational reporting, compensation, and tax-exempt status.

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 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Form W-2G, and gaming winnings.

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

Main form area containing questions 2a through 17, including sub-questions and input fields for amounts and dates.

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 of the governing body at the end of the tax year... 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent... 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?...

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, branches, or affiliates? 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?...

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed AL, AR, CA, FL, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OR, RI, SC, TN, 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. 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: Gary Leff 3434 Washington Blvd 4th Floor Arlington, VA 22201 4508 (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, box 6 of 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			133,378	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					96,300	0	0	
(9) Salen Churi Director	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(10) Samuel Bowman Director	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) Katherine Boyle Director	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(12) Virgil Henry Storr Director/ VP Academic & Student Programs	40.00	X					247,251	0	121	
(13) Benjamin Klutsey Executive Director	40.00			X			192,466	0	22,009	
(14) Daniel Rothschild Executive Director	40.00			X			503,750	0	32,780	
(15) Jennifer Zambone Secretary & VP of Operations	40.00			X			263,150	0	10,979	
(16) Gary Leff Treasurer & CFO	20.00			X			195,000	0	20,989	
(17) Daniel Butler Senior Director of Development	40.00					X	335,129	0	27,347	

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		1a		
b Membership dues		1b		
c Fundraising events		1c		
d Related organizations		1d		
e Government grants (contributions)		1e		
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above		1f	37,253,749	
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$		1g	82,926	
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f				37,253,749

Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
2a Educational programs		611710	210,355	210,355		
b						
c						
d						
e						
f All other program service revenue.						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.			210,355			

Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			1,526,159			1,526,159	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
	5 Royalties							
	6a Gross rents		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		6a	269,695					
		b Less: rental expenses	6b	0				
		c Rental income or (loss)	6c	269,695				
	d Net rental income or (loss)				269,695			269,695
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		7a	57,119	5,508				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b	49,223	5,363			
		c Gain or (loss)	7c	7,896	145			
	d Net gain or (loss)				8,041			8,041
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18							
		8a						
b Less: direct expenses		8b						
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events								
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19								
	9a							
	b Less: direct expenses	9b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities								
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances								
	10a							
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory								

Other Revenue Misc Amt		Business Code				
11a Credit card rewards		900099	70,380	70,380		70,380
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			70,380			
12 Total revenue. See instructions			39,338,379	210,355	0	1,874,275

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	3,487,345	3,487,345		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	2,369,146	2,369,146		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	4,087,829	4,087,829		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,751,055	1,141,058	551,195	58,802
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	64,323	64,323		
7 Other salaries and wages	16,636,391	15,345,190	336,368	954,833
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	1,185,547	1,076,208	39,285	70,054
10 Payroll taxes	1,250,710	1,129,475	55,490	65,745
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	60,274	45,683	1,716	12,875
c Accounting	21,634		21,634	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	116,000			116,000
f Investment management fees	11,633		11,633	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	4,208,653	3,785,145	90,921	332,587
12 Advertising and promotion	211,822	211,822		
13 Office expenses	1,424,836	1,042,890	35,140	346,806
14 Information technology	1,583,826	1,396,156	125,577	62,093
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,427,022	1,314,036	45,197	67,789
17 Travel	3,191,400	3,152,294	31,900	7,206
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,326,286	1,311,417	13,743	1,126
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	264,948	243,971	8,391	12,586
23 Insurance	56,763		56,763	
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 Memberships	34,430	26,866	7,530	34
b List rental	24,962	2,431		22,531
c Property taxes	12,685	11,680	402	603
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	44,809,520	41,244,965	1,432,885	2,131,670
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	11,621,093	1	5,852,896
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	27,763,585	2	27,676,956
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	406,250	3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	235,458	4	264,905
	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	885,417	9	689,596
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,655,005		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 1,327,609	501,355	10c 327,396
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	1,705,646	11	1,953,521
	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		15	
16 Total assets: Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	43,118,804	16	36,765,270	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,188,407	17	1,860,027
	18 Grants payable	3,046,903	18	2,233,155
	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	288,508	25	317,776
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	5,523,818	26	4,410,958
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	21,777,415	27	18,745,722
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	15,817,571	28	13,608,590
	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	37,594,986	32	32,354,312
	33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	43,118,804	33	36,765,270

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	39,338,379
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	44,809,520
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-5,471,141
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	37,594,986
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	130,467
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	100,000
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	10	32,354,312

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
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
2c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		No
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

Additional Data

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public Inspection

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

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

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .	71,316,366	49,704,276	49,537,054	45,540,249	37,253,749	253,351,694
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	71,316,366	49,704,276	49,537,054	45,540,249	37,253,749	253,351,694
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . .						61,781,735
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						191,569,959

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4.	71,316,366	49,704,276	49,537,054	45,540,249	37,253,749	253,351,694
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	380,155	355,505	380,772	1,573,276	1,795,854	4,485,562
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						257,837,256

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) **12** 1,002,662

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

14 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	74.300 %
15 Public support percentage for 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	76.070 %

- 16a 33 1/3% support test—2023.** 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—2022.** 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—2023.** 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—2022.** 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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022, (e) 2023, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 8 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022, (e) 2023, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b; 12 Other income; 13 Total support; 14 First 5 years.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)). Row 16: Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2023 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)). Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 17.

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests-2023. 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.
b 33 1/3% support tests-2022. 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.
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 IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

		Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
11a			
b	A family member of a person described on 11a above?		
11b			
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
11c			

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Did the officers, 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>		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <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
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <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
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (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?		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3	By reason of the relationship described in line 2 above, 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

1	Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):			
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions)			
2	Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.			
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <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	Did the activities described on line 2a, above 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>			
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.			
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No", provide details in Part VI.</i>			
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 (*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 2023 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-2023	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2023
1 Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023:			
a From 2018.			
b From 2019.			
c From 2020.			
d From 2021.			
e From 2022.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7:			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, 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 2023. 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 2024. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2019.			
b Excess from 2020.			
c Excess from 2021.			
d Excess from 2022.			
e Excess from 2023.			

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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Schedule B

Schedule of Contributors

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Name of the organization Mercatus Center Inc	Employer identification number 54-1436224
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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

- Form 990 or 990-EZ
 - 501(c)() (enter number) organization
 - 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
 - 527 political organization
- Form 990-PF
 - 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
 - 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
 - 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.
Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

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

Special Rules

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

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

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Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
RESTRICTED		\$ RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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-		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$ _____

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

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

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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 about donor information.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with multiple rows for conservation easement details, including purpose(s), number of easements, acreage, and monitoring expenses. Includes a sub-table 'Held at the End of the Year' with rows 2a, 2b, 2c, 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.

Table with rows for art and historical treasures reporting requirements, including revenue included and assets included for financial gain.

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:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|---------------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) Related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 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		643,055	630,264	12,791
d Equipment		1,011,950	697,345	314,605
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				327,396

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	
Charitable gift annuities	193,222
Due to affiliate	124,554
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	317,776

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	40,802,327
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	130,467	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	1,345,114	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,475,581	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	39,326,746	
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	11,633	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	11,633	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	39,338,379	

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	46,043,001
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	1,345,114	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	-100,000	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,245,114	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	44,797,887	
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	11,633	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	11,633	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	44,809,520	

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, 2024 and 2023.
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments:	Reversal of Prior Year Grant Expenses

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**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

OMB No. 1545-0047

▶ 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.

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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 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 or 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 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	1	Program Services	Research services	27,236
(2) East Asia and the Pacific	0	2	Program Services	Authoring and engagement services	1,250
(3) Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	0	15	Program Services	Authoring, peer review, and editorial services, conference speaking, engagement and event services, data quality and research services, illustration design services, teacher resources service provider including mapping course outlines/syllabi and data management	224,826
(4) North America	0	2	Program Services	Authoring services	1,750
(5) South America	0	3	Program Services	Conference engagement services	500
(6) South Asia	0	12	Program Services	Authoring, research and data collection, and website development services	43,350
(7) Sub-Saharan Africa	0	1	Program Services	Data collection services	38,952
(8) Central America and the Caribbean	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region		73,250
(9) East Asia and the Pacific	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region		31,536
(10) Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region		1,588,961
(11) Middle East and North Africa	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region		36,200
(12) North America	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region		415,619
(13) Russia and Neighboring States - Ukraine	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region		165,884
(14) South America	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region		113,982
(15) South Asia	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region		1,364,981
(16) Sub-Saharan Africa	0	0	Grants to recipients located in the region		297,416
(17)					
3a Sub-total	0	36			411,114
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					4,014,579
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	36			4,425,693

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)			Central America and the Caribbean	Research Grant	10,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(2)			Central America and the Caribbean	Research Grant	8,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(3)			Central America and the Caribbean	Student Development/education grant	22,250	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(4)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Student Development/education grant	8,500	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(5)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	25,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(6)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	50,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(7)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	40,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(8)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	25,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(9)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	21,400	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(10)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	25,100	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(11)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	10,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(12)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	25,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(13)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	50,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(14)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	50,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(15)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	30,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(16)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	25,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(17)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	20,140	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(18)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	20,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(19)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	20,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(20)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	10,448	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(21)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Student Development/education grant	7,708	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(22)			Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	Research Grant	45,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(23)			Middle East and North Africa	Research Grant	25,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(24)			North America	Research Grant	100,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(25)			North America	Research Grant	20,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(26)			Russia and Neighboring States - Ukraine	Research Grant	20,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(27)			Russia and Neighboring States - Ukraine	Research Grant	10,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(28)			Russia and Neighboring States - Ukraine	Research Grant	20,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(29)			Russia and Neighboring States - Ukraine	Research Grant	10,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(30)			South America	Research Grant	20,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(31)			South America	Student Development/education grant	10,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(32)			South Asia	Research Grant	100,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(33)			South Asia	Research Grant	100,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(34)			South Asia	Research Grant	100,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(35)			South Asia	Research Grant	80,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(36)			South Asia	Research Grant	60,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(37)			South Asia	Research Grant	45,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(38)			South Asia	Research Grant	35,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(39)			South Asia	Research Grant	35,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(40)			South Asia	Research Grant	30,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(41)			South Asia	Research Grant	30,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(42)			South Asia	Research Grant	28,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(43)			South Asia	Research Grant	20,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(44)			South Asia	Research Grant	15,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(45)			South Asia	Research Grant	12,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(46)			South Asia	Research Grant	110,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(47)			Sub-Saharan Africa	Research Grant	50,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		
(48)			Sub-Saharan Africa	Research Grant	35,000	Wire/EFT/Check	0		

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 8

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities 40

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) Research grants	Central America and the Caribbean	2	15,000	Wire/EFT/Check			
(2) Research grants	Sub-Saharan Africa	1	10,000	Wire/EFT/Check			
(3) Research grants, and stipend support	Central America and the Caribbean	2	17,250	Wire/EFT/Check			
(4) Research grants, and stipend support	Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	6	33,630	Wire/EFT/Check			
(5) Research grants, and stipend support	Sub-Saharan Africa	12	46,327	Wire/EFT/Check			
(6) Stipend support	Central America and the Caribbean	1	750	Wire/EFT/Check			
(7) Stipend support	Russia and Neighboring States - Ukraine	1	600	Wire/EFT/Check			
(8) Stipend support	Sub-Saharan Africa	4	4,600	Wire/EFT/Check			
(9) Student development/education fellowships	East Asia and the Pacific	8	11,235	Wire/EFT/Check			
(10) Student development/education fellowships	Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	21	117,255	Wire/EFT/Check			
(11) Student development/education fellowships	Middle East and North Africa	5	4,889	Wire/EFT/Check			
(12) Student development/education fellowships	South America	23	24,003	Wire/EFT/Check			
(13) Student development/education fellowships	South Asia	1	1,228	Wire/EFT/Check			
(14) Student development/education fellowships	Sub-Saharan Africa	12	11,482	Wire/EFT/Check			
(15) Student development/education fellowships and stipend support	East Asia and the Pacific	7	6,719	Wire/EFT/Check			
(16) Student development/education fellowships and stipend support	Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	22	27,851	Wire/EFT/Check			
(17) Student development/education fellowships and stipend support	Russia and Neighboring States - Ukraine	9	6,905	Wire/EFT/Check			
(18) Student development/education fellowships and stipend support	South America	7	7,766	Wire/EFT/Check			
(19) Student development/education fellowships, research grants	East Asia and the Pacific	2	5,228	Wire/EFT/Check			
(20) Student development/education fellowships, research grants	Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	2	6,228	Wire/EFT/Check			
(21) Student development/education fellowships, research grants	Middle East and North Africa	3	6,311	Wire/EFT/Check			
(22) Student development/education fellowships, research grants	South Asia	7	30,340	Wire/EFT/Check			
(23) Student development/education fellowships, research grants, and stipend support	Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	163	896,057	Wire/EFT/Check			
(24) Student development/education fellowships, research grants, and stipend support	North America	57	295,619	Wire/EFT/Check			
(25) Student development/education fellowships, research grants, and stipend support	Russia and Neighboring States - Ukraine	11	98,378	Wire/EFT/Check			
(26) Student development/education fellowships, research grants, and stipend support	South America	8	49,213	Wire/EFT/Check			
(27) Student development/education fellowships, research grants, and stipend support	South Asia	158	533,413	Wire/EFT/Check			
(28) Student development/education fellowships, research grants, and stipend support	Sub-Saharan Africa	26	139,107	Wire/EFT/Check			

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

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Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

2023

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Mercatus Center Inc

Employer identification number
54-1436224

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

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- | | |
|---|--|
| <p>a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations</p> <p>b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations</p> <p>c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations</p> <p>d <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations</p> | <p>e <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants</p> <p>f <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants</p> <p>g <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events</p> |
|---|--|
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1 Advanced Advocacy LLC 1750 K Street NW Suite 1200 Washington, DC 20006	See Part IV		No	1,272,500	116,000	1,156,500
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶				1,272,500	116,000	1,156,500

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

DC, AL, AK, AR, CA, CO, FL, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM, NY, ND, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, TN, VA, WA, WV

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

Table with 5 columns: (a) Event #1, (b) Event #2, (c) Other events, (d) Total events. Rows include Revenue (Gross receipts, Less: Contributions, Gross income) and Direct Expenses (Cash prizes, Noncash prizes, Rent/facility costs, Food and beverages, Entertainment, Other direct expenses, Direct expense summary, Net income summary).

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

Table with 4 columns: (a) Bingo, (b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo, (c) Other gaming, (d) Total gaming. Rows include Revenue (Gross revenue) and Direct Expenses (Cash prizes, Noncash prizes, Rent/facility costs, Other direct expenses, Direct expense summary, Net gaming income summary).

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities:
a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?
b If "No," explain:
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?
b If "Yes," explain:

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

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

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:
Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

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

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:
Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ -----

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ -----

- Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No

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

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

Return Reference	Explanation
(ii) Activity:	Developed and facilitated relationships between prospective funding partners and Mercatus. Connected existing partners to Mercatus activities. Communicated activities and fundraising strategy to Mercatus leadership.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization Mercatus Center Inc Employer identification number 54-1436224

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?
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 1-50.

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 noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1) Scholarships for qualified education expenses	2	9,000		N/A	N/A
(2) Student development/education Fellowships	417	934,508		N/A	N/A
(3) Research/ Student development Grants	106	1,291,423		N/A	N/A
(4) Student development/education stipends	216	134,215		N/A	N/A
(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.
Part III, column (b):	The number of individual recipients reported is an estimate based on historical trends from the prior year.
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
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Compensation Information

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

- ▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**
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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 Rothschild Executive Director	(i)	253,750	250,000	0	0	32,780	536,530	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Daniel Butler Senior Director of Development	(i)	205,129	130,000	0	0	27,347	362,476	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Veronique De Rugy Senior Research Fellow	(i)	225,653	90,000	18	0	20,403	336,074	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Eileen Norcross VP of Policy Research	(i)	210,929	65,000	0	0	26,551	302,480	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Jennifer Zambone Secretary & VP of Operations	(i)	203,150	60,000	0	0	10,979	274,129	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Brian Knight Director of Innovation and Governanc	(i)	193,255	40,000	0	0	15,783	249,038	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Virgil Henry Storr Director/ VP Academic & Student Prog	(i)	86,250	161,001	0	0	121	247,372	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Alden Abbott Senior Research Fellow	(i)	220,860	15,000	0	0	792	236,652	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Gary Leff Treasurer & CFO	(i)	148,333	46,667	0	0	20,989	215,989	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Benjamin Klutsey Executive Director	(i)	155,466	37,000	0	0	22,009	214,475	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.

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Schedule L
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Transactions with Interested Persons

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and section 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

- 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
Total												

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

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) Nona Storr	See Part V	20,000	See Part V		No
(2) Linden Wright	See Part V	44,323	See Part V		No

Part V Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
Sch L, Part IV, Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons:	(a) Name of Person: Nona Storr (b) Relationship Between Interested Person and Organization: Family member of director (d) Description of Transaction: Received honorarium for participating in the Hayek Program Hurricane Dorian recovery project
Sch L, Part IV, Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons:	(a) Name of Person: Linden Wright (b) Relationship Between Interested Person and Organization: Family member of director (d) Description of Transaction: Received compensation as an employee of Mercatus

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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	82,926	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** 0

	Yes	No
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? 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? If "Yes," describe in Part II.		No
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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Part I, Column (b):	The number in column (b) reflects the number of contributors.

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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 XI, line 9:	Reversal of Prior Year Grant Expenses 100,000.

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