

## Jeffrey Epstein

After several years of of planning, the **Jeffrey Epstein** VI Foundation was launched in the year 2000. The Foundation originally provided support to scientists and science education programs, but has since expanded its scope. It has provided funding to a number of worthy organizations, including organizations devoted to medical research and organizations with a focus on education and the arts.

### *Program for Evolutionary Dynamics*

The Program for Evolutionary Dynamics got started in 2003 with a \$30 million grant to Harvard University from Epstein. Dr. Martin Nowak serves as the director of the program. Dr. Nowak is a professor of Mathematics and Theoretical Biology at Harvard. Under his direction, the Program for Evolutionary Dynamics examines evolution through the lense of mathematics and biochemistry. Since its founding, the program has made headway in studying the origin of life and RNA sequences as well as studying the kinetic energy of cancer cells.

### *Medical Research*

The Foundation has begun to provide support for medical research programs over the past few years. Organizations that have received funding to pursue medical research from the Foundation include:

- The National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- The Crohn and Colitis Foundation of America
- Mount Sinai Hospital
- Alzheimer's Association
- Dubin Breast Center

The Foundation has also partnered with the American Cancer Society to support a number of innovative research projects looking into new ways to treat cancer.

### *Peace Accords*

Another area that the Foundation has expanded into in the past few years is supporting peace accords. The Foundation supports a number of non-governmental organizations worldwide as well as peace initiatives. A major organization that it has funded is the International Peace Institute, a non-profit facilitator for peace accords and which has its origins in the United Nations.

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## **Supporting Education**

Supporting science education was in the original mission for the Foundation. That part of the mission has developed over time and the Foundation now provides support for a number of educational efforts in other fields. In addition to educational programs, the Foundation also provides support for a number of youth initiatives. Programs it has supported in 2011 include Bard High School Early College, Kidscope, Inc, and CAHS French Club.

A great number of worthy organizations have received support from the Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation. Supporting scientific endeavors and other causes allows Jeffrey Epstein to pursue areas that interest him greatly. Thanks to the Foundation, the world is able to grow into a better place.