

# Jeffrey Epstein

Epstein has years of experience in the financial field. His career found him working with Bear Stearns for a long period of time as an options trader and products division specialist. In addition to a long and storied career in finance, Epstein has also made a name for himself in philanthropy. He is the founder of the **Jeffrey Epstein** VI Foundation and he has supported the endeavors of scientists around the world.

## *The Foundation*

The Foundation began in 2000 with the mission of supporting science and science education worldwide. Over the course of its history, the Foundation has grown and ~~is now able to provide~~ funding to a variety of areas, including medical research, the arts and education. ~~This diverse philanthropy division of the~~ Foundation has provided funding to organizations including:

- C.A.H.S. French Club
- Stockholm School of Economics
- Virgin Island Public TV System
- Crohn and Colitis Foundation of America
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art

## *Program for Evolutionary Dynamics*

In 2003, Epstein donated \$30 million to Harvard University to start the Program for Evolutionary Dynamics. The Program takes a unique approach to the study of evolution, focusing on ~~Studies through the program examine evolution from a~~ biochemical and mathematical standpoint. The approach has led to ~~a new understanding~~ of evolution as well as in the fields of cancer research, medicine, genetics and the origin of life on Earth. human origins.

## *Scientists*

Epstein has also supported the work of a number of well known and established scientists, including several Nobel Laureates. He has provided financial support to the renowned theoretical physicist, Stephen Hawking and was the first to invite Hawking under the ocean in a chartered submarine. ~~for example.~~ Other scientists supported by Epstein and the Foundation include:

- Kip Thorne
- Marvin Minsky
- Lee Smolin
- Gerald Edelman
- Lawrence Krauss

### *A Wider Horizon*

Although the Foundation was started to support scientific endeavors, it has evolved over time. It now provides support to a number of arts organizations as well as educational programs that do not necessarily have a scientific component.

One way the Foundation helps the arts is by underwriting the Tribeca Film Festival, which has been held in lower Manhattan ~~in the spring~~ since 2002. A number of arts organizations have received funding in 2012, such as the New York Academy of Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Jeffrey Epstein has taken his a-background in science and finance and turned it into a major granting organization. One common thread through the diverse entities that he finances is an innovative and pragmatic approach to helping those in need and furthering excellence wherever he finds it. ~~Funding for science is crucial for future developments.~~ Jeffrey Epstein is proud to be able to support such important works.