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Jeffrey Epstein: A Foundation for Philanthropy

Jeffrey Epstein is known to some as a financier, an American money manager with years of experience in his profession. Mr. Epstein was long associated with Bear Stearns, as an option trader, specializing in mathematical models such as ~~the~~ Black-Scholes option-pricing and later as a products division specialist, advising high net worth clients on tax strategies. After founding his own firm, his work in finance led him to a lengthy and varied career. He is ~~now also~~ well-known for his work in science philanthropy. Mr. Epstein has contributed to many important scientific endeavors and conferences. His work has ~~involved the supported of~~ eminent scientists around the world, Nobel laureates and well known luminaries as Stephen Hawking.

A Foundation Devoted to Science Philanthropy

Mr. Epstein's philanthropy is embodied in ~~The~~his Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation. The foundation was founded in 2000 and exists for one basic purpose: to provide funding ~~and financial underwriting~~ for endeavors related to cutting edge science and science education. As the Foundation has grown in prestige and ~~in~~ influence, it has also grown to provide funding for youth initiatives, medical facilities, the arts, and more.

The Program for Evolutionary Dynamics

In 2003, the foundation established the Program for Evolutionary Dynamics, at Harvard University with a \$30 million grant. Much of the foundation's work and support is devoted to research at this ~~vigorous dynamic~~ program. The program studies evolution from a mathematical and biochemical point of view and its research has furthered ~~our a~~ general understanding of medicine, genetics, and human origins.

The Program is directed by Dr. Martin Nowak, Professor of Mathematics and Theoretical Biology at Harvard University. Dr. Nowak is renowned for his work on evolution theory including the theory of cooperation as a driving force for evolution in biological systems. Dr. Nowak's research team at the Program for Evolutionary Dynamics also developed the first mathematical model ~~of for~~ the kinetic energy of cancer cells within the human body—vital for ~~furthering humankind's~~ understanding of how cancer works, and how it might get treated. ~~His research has also and have~~ advanced the understanding of how original life first forms from RNA chains. None of this work would have been possible without the financial support of the Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation.

Other Science Initiatives

The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation has also contributed to many other important avenues of scientific inquiry, including medical research. The list entails genetic research, undertaken to develop cures for such conditions as Crohn's ~~and Colitis disease~~, Alzheimer's ~~disease~~, ~~multiple sclerosis~~, ~~breast cancer~~ and ovarian cancer.

Support of Leading Scientists

In addition to Dr. Martin Nowak, Mr. Epstein has supported the work of countless eminent scientists and Nobel Laureates around the world. ~~The~~^{In} list of scientists includes Gerald Edelman, Murray Gell-Mann, Stephen Hawking, Kip Thorne, [Lee Smolin](#), Marvin Minsky, Lawrence Krauss, and Gregory Benford.

World Conferences

The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation also organizes and underwrites major scientific conferences, bringing together the best minds ~~together~~ to summarize and advance pivotal subjects. The conferences typically take place in St. Thomas, in the US Virgin Islands, where the foundation is based and have featured such scientists and Nobel Laureates, as Gerard 't Hooft, David Gross, Frank Wilczek, and theoretical physicists Stephen Hawking and Lawrence Krauss. The conferences have covered topics ranging from unified gravity theory, neuroscience ~~and~~, artificial intelligence ~~to~~, language theory and global threats to the Earth.

The Evolution of a Foundation

Initially, the [Jeffrey Epstein](#) VI Foundation was established to support ongoing research in science, particularly [in the fields of physics, neuroscience, evolutionary science](#) and genetic ~~engineering~~^{fields}. The scope of the Foundation's work has only grown, however, and now encompasses a wide range of enterprises ranging from education to the arts. In 2012 alone, the Foundation has underwritten such organizations as Mount Sinai Hospital, the Crohn & Colitis Foundation of America, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the New York Academy of Art, and the Metropolitan Museum.

The list of past recipients is just as eclectic, and as illustrious. In 2011, Mr. Epstein's foundation supported numerous youth organizations and initiatives including Youth Lifeline America, Zero Tolerance Basketball, the Rising Steel Youth Orchestra, the St. Thomas YWCA, the St. Thomas Baseball Explorers, and countless high schools, elementary schools colleges, universities and graduate schools across the United States and the world.

In addition, Mr. Epstein's organization has been an active supporter of world peace accords and peace initiatives—~~s~~^Some examples include the International Peace Institute, which has its roots in the United Nations and played a critical role in the Oslo Peace Accords.

Jeffrey Epstein: Supporting Education and the Arts

The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation ultimately came to branch out from its support of science and research, to provide funding for education in [the social sciences and](#) other fields of study including business and economics. To this end, the foundation has

supported renowned institutions around the world including, the Stockholm School of Economics, Columbia University, Harvard University, Cornell University, Princeton University, Stetson University, [New York University](#), [The New School](#) and the Department of Education in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Mr. Epstein is also a believer in the importance of the arts, and he is an adamant supporter. This includes endowments to museums, youth orchestras and art institutes. His Foundation even helped to underwrite the famous Tribeca Film Festival.

There are a number of other organizations that Mr. Epstein and his Foundation have supported—some of which do not neatly fit into any of the categories listed above. A partial list of these organizations ~~might~~ includes:

- The Humane Society of St. Thomas
- Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands
- [United Way of St. Thomas-St. John](#)
- [Humanity +](#)
- Family Resources Center, Inc.
- The Criminal Justice Executive Institute
- YMCA's and YWCA's across the country
- Various special education programs

The Man Behind the Foundation

Through his work as a financier and money manager, Mr. Epstein has learned to allocate resources prudently and effectively. It's a skill set that he draws upon as he seeks to support the wide range of important and different causes through his Foundation.

In addition to the causes he supports, [Jeffrey Epstein](#)'s interests and passions are reflected in the organizations that he belongs to. For example, [Jeffrey Epstein](#) was a former board member of Rockefeller University, one of the most prestigious graduate science universities in the country. [Jeffrey Epstein](#) was a former member of the New York Academy of Science, a former member of the Council of Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, an active member of the Edge Organization, and sits on the committee of the Mind, Brain and Behavior Committee at Harvard University.

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Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation: Philanthropy for Science

Increasingly, scientists are coming to depend on private donors to fund their research; while grant money is in increasingly short supply, science philanthropy is on the rise. What this means is that scientists are coming to seek out more unconventional sources of funding for the work that they do. What most scientists are looking for is an independent financial backer like **Jeffrey Epstein** whose foundation has underwritten numerous research laboratories, science departments, and scientific conferences across the country and someone capable of establishing new university departments such as the Program for Evolutionary Dynamics at Harvard University.

The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation Supports Martin Nowak

There are many prestigious scientists who have received financial underwriting from the Foundation. One of them is Dr. Martin Nowak. Currently, Dr. Nowak serves as a Professor of Mathematics and Theoretical Biology at Harvard University. ~~Recently, Dr. Nowak was also a keynote speaker at Templeton University's dialogue on the intersection of science and religious faith.~~

Dr. Nowak is also the Director for Program on Evolutionary Dynamics at Harvard University. This groundbreaking Program has conducted vital research on genetics and human origins, studying the concept of evolution from the standpoint of mathematical and biochemical models. The program is funded by **Jeffrey Epstein**.

~~*More About Dr. Nowak*~~

In addition to his current work at Harvard, Dr. Nowak is well-known for his 1990 research with Robert May, examining and explaining the delay between HIV infection and AIDS onset. He did so through the use of evolutionary models that has subsequently received confirmation through repeated tests and experimentation.

Further research interests of Dr. Nowak include: somatic evolution of cancer; stem cells and tissue architecture; genetic redundancy; the evolution of language, of graph theory, and of game theory; the evolution of cooperation and fairness; and pre-life conditions.

~~*Jeffrey Epstein: Support of Dr. Nowak*~~

Mr. Epstein has also supported Dr. Nowak's original research on the origin of life and RNA replication on Earth, as well as his 2004 research at Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study. ~~Recently, Dr. Nowak was also a keynote speaker at Templeton University's dialogue on the intersection of science and religious faith.~~

Jeffrey Epstein is a long-time philanthropist on behalf of scientific research, as well as a supporter of Dr. Nowak's work, in particular. The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation continues to do ~~has done much~~ much needed work on behalf of scientific inquiry. Jeffrey Epstein remains committed to serving the cause of science and thought.

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Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation: Philanthropy for Medicine

The **Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation** began as a vehicle for science philanthropy. Initially, much of its support was in the fields of physics and neuroscience. However as the Foundation matured, it broadened its scope to support a wide range of cutting edge medical research, treatments, and cures, particularly in the area of genetics. Mr. Epstein and his Foundation has also worked with various organizations in support of ongoing cancer research.

The Foundation's Support of Cancer Research

There are two common dilemmas that restrict the treatment of cancer today. First, there is the reality that many therapies, such as chemotherapies and radiation treatments, can have adverse effects on otherwise healthy cells, to the extent that they actually kill the person before beating the cancer. The second problem is that many cancer cells are able to quickly respond to a new treatment, genetically adapting and ultimately becoming immune to it.

New research is seeking to curb the impact of these cellular mutations. New advances in circulating tumor cell technology (CTC), spearheaded by Dr. Daniel Haber, of Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, and Dr. Mehmet Toner, of the Center for BioMicroElectroMechanical Systems, confront this issue head on. The research these scientists have undertaken is underwritten by the American Cancer Society and has received support from the **Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation**.

The Foundation's Support of CTC Technology

CTC technology is still maturing, but it poses significant reason for optimism. The technology entails a simple blood test, which scientists can use to examine potential genetic adaptations and mutations on a cellular level. These adaptations are then thoroughly documented, and scientists are then able to treat cancer in genetic 'real time' using medicines-targeted drugs that tackle secondary and tertiary mutations as soon as they occur.that are specifically meant to address particiular cellular abnormalities.

The use of CTC technology is one of the most promising fields in cancer research, andbut it stands poised to make a huge difference in the way clinicians deal with the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation: Research for Cures

This work, with the American Cancer Society, is just one aspect of the Foundation's commitment for eliminating disease. To date, the **Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation** has offered support to several medical facilities and laboratories across the world. A partial list of these medical organizations includes: The National Multiple Sclerosis Society,

Mount Sinai Hospital, the Crohn & Colitis Foundation of America, the Alzheimer's Association, and Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. Indeed, Jeffrey Epstein is zealous for scientific and medical philanthropy, as seen by the work of the Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation.

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Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation: Philanthropy for Thought

It has received recognition as the world's greatest think tank. It has won accolades from such prestigious publications as *The Guardian* and *The Observer*. It houses more than 600 of the world's greatest minds—and, it has received the financial support of philanthropic organizations like the Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation. It is The Edge Foundation, and gathers together some of the greatest minds in the sciences and social sciences for the purposes of discourse, debate and a sharing of cutting edge concepts with the public at large.

The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation Supports Think Tanks

The Edge Foundation was founded in 1996, by John Brockman, a leading author and an agent of social change ~~and ; his reputation is for advocating on behalf of~~ all things thought-provoking or avant-garde. His vision was to start an online forum through which the world's brightest minds might share their ideas—and that is exactly what he did.

His vision ~~is what~~ led to the founding of The Edge, a website that features contributions from the world's smartest people. This is not just a place where ~~these eminent~~ men and women share ~~their every~~ passing flights of fancy, however. The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation supports the organization because; rather than encourage random ideas, it encourages cutting-edge ideas—ideas intended to promote scientific advancement.

Currently, The Edge Foundation stands as one of the most prestigious and important think tanks in the world; and stands as a prime online location for robust inquiry and thought.

The Members of the Think Tank

The work done by this think tank includes many well-known thinkers, from many different disciplines. The list includes many Nobel Laureates. Among them are physicist Frank Wilczek, chemist Kary Mullis, theoretician Gerard't Hooft, and more. The Edge Foundation also houses well-known writers such as Richard Dawkins, Brian Greene, Ian McEwan, and many others.

Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation: Fostering Conversation

This think tank is not an exclusive gaggle of thinkers. A primarily online endeavor, its doors are open to the public. Anyone can stop by the site and seek to participate, simply by reading essays and keeping tabs on the ongoing, daily conversations.

Jeffrey Epstein and his organization, The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation, are more than happy to financially sponsor this important work. That is because Jeffrey Epstein—a

long-time proponent of science and learning—believes in the importance of thought-centered conversation.