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World's Smartest Think Tank Gets Substantial Backing from The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation

The Edge Foundation Inc. receives significant financial support from science investor, Jeffrey Epstein.

NEW YORK, July 3, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- What has been dubbed "the world's smartest website" and think tank from the UK's Guardian and Observer, [The Edge Foundation](#), has just received substantial backing from science philanthropist and Edge member, [Jeffrey Epstein](#), and his foundation [The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation](#).

Founded in 1996 by [John Brockman](#), a cultural author, agent and expeditor of everything thought-provoking and avant-garde, the Edge Foundation, Inc., known as "Edge", is an online venue for the greatest minds in the sciences, social sciences and literature to share their ideas—but not just random ideas; cutting-edge ideas beyond the frontier of common knowledge. Ideas that challenge the constancy of the speed of light, the existence of a gravitron and things like that.

"We live in a mass-produced culture where ...people...limit themselves to secondhand ideas," Brockman asserts. "Show me people who create their own reality, who don't accept an ersatz, appropriated reality. Show me the empiricists ...who are out there doing it, rather than talking about and analyzing the people who are doing it," Brockman asserts.

The roster at Edge is a treasure trove of over 660 virtuosi, geniuses and masterminds including countless university department heads, authors, PhD's and a host of Nobel Laureates including: physicist, Frank Wilczek, chemist, Kary Mullis, economist, Daniel Kahneman, theoretical Physicist, Gerard t' Hooft, theoretical physicist, Waren Heisenberg, biochemist, Eric Kandel, chemist and physicist, Leon Lederman, neurologist and biochemist, Stanley Prusiner. Well-known writers include: Brian Greene, Richard Dawkins, Leonard Susskind, Freeman Dyson and Ian McEwan.

Unlike the exclusive salons of the 18th Century, or present day Mensa-type institutes, The Edge is proudly open to the public. Anyone can go to its website [www.edge.org](#) and read the daily conversations and essays by Edge members and their responses to Brockman's annual question, which this year is: "What is your favorite, deep, elegant or favorite explanation?"

This open approach stems perhaps from its humble roots: a roving gathering of intellectuals in New York City, called The Realty Club, which regularly met from 1981 to 1996 in restaurants, lofts, at Rockefeller University, the New York Academy of Sciences, ballrooms and elsewhere. But its openness also comes from Brockman's philosophy of challenging the public with mind-breaking ideas.

"Great ideas are meaningless, if they are not shared," Jeffrey Epstein remarked, whose own foundation supports science education and research around the world. "They challenge, teach and inspire a new generation of maverick thinkers. And that is what we need, less we become too arrogant to improve ourselves."

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