

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation
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For calendar year **2017** or tax year beginning , **2017**, and ending , **20**

Name of foundation NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LLC		A Employer identification number 73-0606209
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) (580) 224-6227
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code ARDMORE, OK 73401		C If exemption application is pending, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply:		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity	2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here. <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 198,826,861.	J Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)	

	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)				
Revenue				
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	79,251,650.			
2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B.				
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments.	1,069,319.	1,069,319.		
4 Dividends and interest from securities	2,263,400.	4,460,502.		
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	14,464,291.			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 137,657,034.				
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		15,806,653.		
8 Net short-term capital gain.				
9 Income modifications				
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less: Cost of goods sold				
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
11 Other income (attach schedule) ATCH 1	6,551,863.	1,976,416.	5,360,569.	
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	103,600,523.	23,312,890.	5,360,569.	
Operating and Administrative Expenses				
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	1,789,027.	322,299.		1,786,727.
14 Other employee salaries and wages	23,189,968.	40,793.		23,149,175.
15 Pension plans, employee benefits	9,169,533.	33,801.		12,185,313.
16a Legal fees (attach schedule) ATCH 2	476,409.			455,054.
b Accounting fees (attach schedule) ATCH 3	212,740.	31,911.		180,829.
c Other professional fees (attach schedule) [4]	2,106,918.	1,466,566.		674,766.
17 Interest ATCH 5		40,089.		
18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) [6]	364,297.	109,599.		2,725.
19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion	9,939,128.			
20 Occupancy	1,450,562.			1,468,248.
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	1,259,564.	4,252.		1,265,545.
22 Printing and publications	254,833.			254,431.
23 Other expenses (attach schedule) ATCH 7	10,570,708.	650,031.	5,360,569.	5,429,258.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23.	60,783,687.	2,699,341.	5,360,569.	46,852,071.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	1,706,213.			1,718,179.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	62,489,900.	2,699,341.	5,360,569.	48,570,250.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	41,110,623.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		20,613,549.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only. (See instructions.)		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value		
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing		130,927.	3,088,205.	3,088,205.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		19,224,977.		
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ <u>943,382.</u>				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____		645,991.	943,382.	943,382.
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ _____				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____				
	5	Grants receivable.		1,238,474.	54,306,722.	54,306,722.
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____				
	8	Inventories for sale or use.		133,513.	113,225.	113,225.
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		812,741.	777,108.	777,108.
	10a	Investments - U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule). .		20,640,589.		
	b	Investments - corporate stock (attach schedule)		527,164,862.		
	c	Investments - corporate bonds (attach schedule).		65,007,317.		
	11	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ _____				
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____		9,224.			
12	Investments - mortgage loans					
13	Investments - other (attach schedule) <u>ATCH 8</u>		289,705,353.	9,791,528.	9,791,528.	
14	Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ <u>227,202,892.</u>					
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____		97,396,201.	129,806,691.	129,806,691.	
15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)		1,429,447.			
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)		1,057,066,654.	198,826,861.	198,826,861.	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		4,472,538.	3,570,442.	ATCH 9
	18	Grants payable.		519,375.		
	19	Deferred revenue.				
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons. .				
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			6,132,178.	
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶ <u>ATCH 10</u>)		29,589,429.	21,837,875.	
23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)		34,581,342.	31,540,495.		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31.					
	24	Unrestricted		1,019,903,191.	167,286,366.	
	25	Temporarily restricted				
	26	Permanently restricted		2,582,121.		
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>					
	and complete lines 27 through 31.					
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds				
28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund.					
29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds . .					
30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions).		1,022,485,312.	167,286,366.		
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)		1,057,066,654.	198,826,861.		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances		
1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return).	1 1,022,485,312.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a.	2 41,110,623.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ <u>ATCH 11</u>	3 695,740.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4 1,064,291,675.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ <u>ATCH 12</u>	5 897,005,309.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6 167,286,366.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (for example, real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)			(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1 a SEE PART IV SCHEDULE					
b					
c					
d					
e					
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) ((e) plus (f) minus (g))		
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69.					
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))		
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7} \\ \text{If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7} \end{array} \right\}$		2	15,806,653.	
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). See instructions. If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		3	0.	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? Yes No
 If "Yes," the foundation doesn't qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see the instructions before making any entries.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2016	64,009,464.	895,481,978.	0.071480
2015	49,340,838.	982,824,997.	0.050203
2014	43,028,323.	1,079,709,988.	0.039852
2013	40,574,330.	1,029,293,013.	0.039420
2012	48,154,942.	921,295,641.	0.052269
2	Total of line 1, column (d)		2 0.253224
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5.0, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years		3 0.050645
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2017 from Part X, line 5		4 376,156,422.
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.		5 19,050,442.
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).		6 206,135.
7	Add lines 5 and 6.		7 19,256,577.
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4. If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.		8 57,545,976.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary - see instructions)		
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b.	1	206,135.
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b).		
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)	2	
3 Add lines 1 and 2.	3	206,135.
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)	4	0.
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	206,135.
6 Credits/Payments:		
a 2017 estimated tax payments and 2016 overpayment credited to 2017.	6a	489,598.
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b	
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868),	6c	
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	489,598.
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	283,463.
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2018 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> 0. Refunded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11	11	283,463.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the instructions for the definition If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b , attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.		X
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	X	
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	X	
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <u>ATCH 13</u> If "Yes," attach the statement required by <i>General Instruction T</i> .	X	
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions. <input type="checkbox"/> OK, _____		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by <i>General Instruction G</i> ? If "No," attach explanation	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2017 or the tax year beginning in 2017? See the instructions for Part XIV. If "Yes," complete Part XIV.		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses. <u>ATCH 14</u>	X	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

	Yes	No
11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule. See instructions		X
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement. See instructions		X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ▶ WWW.NOBLE.ORG	X	
14 The books are in care of ▶ A. JILL WALLACE Telephone no. ▶ 580-224-6227 Located at ▶ 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK ZIP+4 ▶ 73401		
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ▶ 15		
16 At any time during calendar year 2017, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ ATCH 15	X	

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

	Yes	No
1a During the year, did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	1b	X
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2017?	1c	X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a At the end of tax year 2017, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2017? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years ▶ _____, _____, _____, _____		
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.)	2b	
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ▶ _____, _____, _____, _____		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2017 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2017.)	3b	X
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2017?	4b	X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

	Yes	No
5a During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:		
(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions.	5b	X
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? . . . <u>ATCH 16</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).		
6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	6b	X
If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.		
7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	7b	

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation. See instructions.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
ATCH 17		1,789,027.	101,521.	33,257.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 - see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
ATCH 18		1,228,420.	116,543.	20,684.

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000. 218

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)*

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. See instructions. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
ATCH 19		1,078,286.
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶		25

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 PLANT BIOLOGY - CONDUCTS BASIC BIOCHEMICAL, GENETIC, & GENOMIC PLANT RESEARCH FOR CROP IMPROVEMENT & ENHANCED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION	20,868,027.
2 AGRICULTURAL - ASSISTS OVER 1,500 FARMERS/RANCHERS IN REACHING FINANCIAL, PRODUCTION, STEWARDSHIP & QUALITY OF LIFE GOALS THROUGH CONSULTATION, EVENTS & RESEARCH	16,592,580.
3 FORAGE IMPROVEMENT - CONDUCTS RESEARCH TO TRANSLATE BASIC PLANT SCIENCE RESEARCH INTO IMPROVED PLANT VARIETIES FOR USE BY AG PRODUCERS THRU PLANT BREEDING & TRAIT INTEGRATION	13,884,506.
4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT NOBLE AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS SPENT FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES 7.79% ARE EXPLAINED UNDER FOOTNOTES	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.	Amount	
1 NO PROGRAM-RELATED INVESTMENTS WERE MADE IN 2017. SEE FOOTNOTES FOR INFORMATION REGARDING EXPENDITURE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRIOR YEAR ACTIVITY.		
2 _____ _____ _____		
All other program-related investments. See instructions.		
3 NONE _____ _____		
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶		

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	371,759,884.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	5,380,436.
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	4,744,372.
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	381,884,692.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	381,884,692.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	5,728,270.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	376,156,422.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	18,807,821.

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations, check here and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	18,807,821.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2017 from Part VI, line 5	2a	206,135.
b	Income tax for 2017. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	5,431.
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	211,566.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	18,596,255.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	50,934.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	18,647,189.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	18,647,189.

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	48,570,250.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	8,975,726.
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	57,545,976.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b. See instructions	5	206,135.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	57,339,841.

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2016	(c) 2016	(d) 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Part XI, line 7				18,647,189.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2017:				
a Enter amount for 2016 only.				
b Total for prior years: 20 <u>15</u> , 20 <u>14</u> , 20 <u>13</u>				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017:				
a From 2012				343,006.
b From 2013				
c From 2014				
d From 2015				
e From 2016				2,439,292.
f Total of lines 3a through e	2,782,298.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2017 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ <u>57,545,976.</u>				
a Applied to 2016, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions).				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	26,000,000.	ATCH 20		
d Applied to 2017 distributable amount.				18,647,189.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus.	12,898,787.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2017 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	41,681,085.			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b.				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2016. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2017. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2018.				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)	26,000,000.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2012 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	343,006.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	15,338,079.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2013				
b Excess from 2014				
c Excess from 2015				
d Excess from 2016	2,439,292.			
e Excess from 2017	12,898,787.			

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

NOT APPLICABLE

- 1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2017, enter the date of the ruling.
b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

Table with 5 columns: Tax year (a) 2017, (b) 2016, (c) 2015, (d) 2014, and (e) Total. Rows include 2a (Adjusted net income), 2b (85% of line 2a), 2c (Qualifying distributions from Part XII), 2d (Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities), 2e (Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities), 3 (Alternative tests: Assets, Endowment, Support), and 4 (Gross investment income).

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year - see instructions.)

- 1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:
a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)
b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.
2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:
Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d. See instructions.
a The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:
b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:
c Any submission deadlines:
d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

Part XV Supplementary Information *(continued)*

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
<p>a <i>Paid during the year</i></p> <p>ATCH 25</p>				
Total				▶ 3a 1,718,179.
<p>b <i>Approved for future payment</i></p>				
Total				▶ 3b

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions.)
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue:					
a ATCH 26					5,178,817.
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
f _____					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	1,069,319.	
4 Dividends and interest from securities			14	2,263,400.	
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	14,464,291.	
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue: a					
b ATCH 27				1,373,046.	
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
12 Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)				19,170,056.	5,178,817.
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e) 13					24,348,873.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Line No.	Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes). (See instructions.)
▼	
	ATCH 28

Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers to and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

- 1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?
- a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:
- (1) Cash 1a(1) Yes No
 - (2) Other assets 1a(2) Yes No
- b Other transactions:
- (1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization 1b(1) Yes No
 - (2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization 1b(2) Yes No
 - (3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets 1b(3) Yes No
 - (4) Reimbursement arrangements 1b(4) Yes No
 - (5) Loans or loan guarantees 1b(5) Yes No
 - (6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations 1b(6) Yes No
- c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees 1c Yes No
- d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.

(a) Line no.	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements
	N/A		N/A

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? Yes No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule.

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

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. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Signature of officer or trustee Signature of preparer *MICHELLE L WEBER* Date *11/12/18* Title *VP & CFO*

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below? See instructions. Yes No

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name MICHELLE L WEBER	Preparer's signature <i>MICHELLE L WEBER</i>	Date <i>11/12/18</i>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00556798
Firm's name ▶ GRANT THORNTON LLP	Firm's EIN ▶ 36-6055558		Phone no. 414-289-8200	
Firm's address ▶ 100 E. WISCONSIN AVE. MILWAUKEE, WI 53202				

FORM 990-PF - PART IV CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES FOR TAX ON INVESTMENT INCOME

Kind of Property		Description				P or D	Date acquired	Date sold
Gross sale price less expenses of sale	Depreciation allowed/ allowable	Cost or other basis	FMV as of 12/31/69	Adj. basis as of 12/31/69	Excess of FMV over adj basis		Gain or (loss)	
137657034.		PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES 123192742.				P	VAR 14464292.	VAR
		PARTNERSHIP K-1 ST GAIN				P	VAR 965,302.	VAR
		PARTNERSHIP K-1 LT GAIN				P	VAR 533,354.	VAR
		PARTNERSHIP K-1 SECTION 1231 GAIN				P	VAR 15,864.	VAR
		PARTNERSHIP K-1 SECTION 1256 ST LOSS				P	VAR -36,770.	VAR
		PARTNERSHIP K-1 SECTION 1256 LT LOSS				P	VAR -55,155.	VAR
		LOSS ON FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL 80,234.				P	VAR -80,234.	VAR
TOTAL GAIN (LOSS)							<u>15806653.</u>	

Schedule of Contributors

2017

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

Name of the organization NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LLC	Employer identification number 73-0606209
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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 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 33 1/3 % 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 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization **NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LLC**

Employer identification number
73-0606209

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
1	THE SAMUEL ROBERTS NOBLE FOUNDATION 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	\$ 79,250,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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_____	_____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (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
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
(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
_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER INCOME

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	<u>ADJUSTED NET INCOME</u>
ROYALTY/LEASEHOLD INCOME	1,287,511.	1,287,692.	
EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS-REGISTRATIONS	30,622.		30,622.
OTHER PROGRAM REVENUE	4,626,191.		4,807,943.
EXTERNAL CORE SERVICE	91,410.		91,410.
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	10,472.		
RECOVERED QUALIFYING DISTRIBUTION	50,934.		
CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENTS	104,363.	104,363.	
K-1 OTHER PORTFOLIO INCOME		102,173.	
K-1 ORDINARY INCOME		481,603.	
K-1 RENTAL REAL ESTATE INCOME		-1,075.	
CATTLE, PECAN, AND OTHER FARM SALES	398,648.		398,648.
LOSS ON SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	-80,234.		
OVERHEAD RECOVERY - SRNF	31,946.		31,946.
SECTION 965 INCLUSION TAXABLE AMOUNT		1,660.	
TOTALS	<u>6,551,863.</u>	<u>1,976,416.</u>	<u>5,360,569.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART I - LEGAL FEES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	<u>ADJUSTED NET INCOME</u>	<u>CHARITABLE PURPOSES</u>
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS	19,982.			19,982.
EMPLOYMENT MATTERS	4,357.			4,357.
GENERAL MATTERS	69,960.			69,960.
EMPLOYEE IMMIGRATION SUPPORT	16,645.			16,645.
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY/PATENTS	236,397.			236,397.
REORGANIZATION	129,068.			129,068.
ACCRUAL TO CASH ADJUSTMENT				-21,355.
TOTALS	<u>476,409.</u>			<u>455,054.</u>

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ATTACHMENT 3

FORM 990PF, PART I - ACCOUNTING FEES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	<u>ADJUSTED NET INCOME</u>	<u>CHARITABLE PURPOSES</u>
AUDIT AND TAX SERVICES	212,740.	31,911.		180,829.
TOTALS	<u>212,740.</u>	<u>31,911.</u>		<u>180,829.</u>

ATTACHMENT 3

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	<u>CHARITABLE PURPOSES</u>
INVESTMENT MANAGER FEES	1,466,566.	1,466,566.	
PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY SERVICES	640,352.		640,352.
ACCRUAL TO CASH ADJUSTMENT			34,414.
TOTALS	<u>2,106,918.</u>	<u>1,466,566.</u>	<u>674,766.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART I - INTEREST EXPENSE

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>
K-1 INTEREST EXPENSE		40,089.
TOTALS		<u>40,089.</u>

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ATTACHMENT 6

FORM 990PF, PART I - TAXES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	<u>CHARITABLE PURPOSES</u>
990PF CURRENT & DEF EXCISE TAX	262,000.		
UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME TAX	99,572.		
FOREIGN TAXES-INT'L INVESTMENT		109,599.	
720 EXCISE TAX	2,725.		2,725.
TOTALS	<u>364,297.</u>	<u>109,599.</u>	<u>2,725.</u>

ATTACHMENT 6

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	NET INVESTMENT INCOME	ADJUSTED NET INCOME	CHARITABLE PURPOSES
MEMBERSHIP DUES	226,150.	5,454.		220,912.
PHOTOGRAPHY/GRAPHIC SUPPLIES	10,361.			10,344.
UNIFORMS/LAUNDRY	20,617.			20,574.
TRAINING/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS	470,897.			399,889.
COMMUNITY SUPPORT	359,003.			359,003.
PROPERTY INSURANCE	399,696.			419,929.
OFFICE/POSTAGE/PHOTOCOPIER	189,085.			194,419.
LICENSE/PERMIT/BANK FEES	44,559.			44,387.
CREDIT CARD FEES	10,000.			10,000.
MACHINE HIRE/CONTRACT LABOR	352,215.			357,673.
EQUIPMENT MAINT & REPAIR	1,433,750.			1,474,731.
FACILITY MAINT & REPAIR	416,075.			445,008.
ROAD/LAND/FENCE MAINT & REPAIR	59,934.			59,934.
EQUIPMENT/LAND LEASE	17,027.			17,027.
LAWN/SAFETY SUPPLIES	95,752.			113,917.
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	1,961,626.			2,055,736.
FOOD SERVICE	15,147.			16,873.
VEHICLE OPERATIONS	434,429.			433,692.
LIBRARY SERVICES	92,862.			90,300.
COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY	857,047.			869,667.
RECRUITING	208,192.			206,342.
FEED/SEED/FERTILIZER	440,885.			440,885.
VETERINARY	72,898.			72,725.
TESTING/EVALUATION SERVICES	229,510.			229,510.
COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMS	547,230.			451,498.
NON-RESIDENT FELLOWS PROGRAM	172,549.			172,549.
SMALL EQUIPMENT UNDER \$5,000	1,433,212.			1,602,303.
LESS EXPENSE ALLOCATED TO PRGM			5,360,569.	-5,360,569.
OTHER K-1 EXPENSES		526,143.		
OIL & GAS DEPLETION		118,434.		
TOTALS	<u>10,570,708.</u>	<u>650,031.</u>	<u>5,360,569.</u>	<u>5,429,258.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART II - OTHER INVESTMENTS

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ENDING BOOK VALUE</u>	<u>ENDING FMV</u>
VANGUARD WELLINGTON FUND	9,791,528.	9,791,528.
TOTALS	<u>9,791,528.</u>	<u>9,791,528.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART II - OTHER LIABILITIES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ENDING BOOK VALUE</u>
ACCRUED PENSION COST	17,656,958.
ACCRUED POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL	4,180,917.
TOTALS	<u>21,837,875.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART III - OTHER INCREASES IN NET WORTH OR FUND BALANCES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENT	695,740.
TOTAL	<u>695,740.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART III - OTHER DECREASES IN NET WORTH OR FUND BALANCES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ENDOWMENT TRANSFER OUT	897,005,309.
TOTAL	<u>897,005,309.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART VII-A - LIQUIDATION, TERMINATION, ETC. STATEMENT

DURING THE TAX YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017, NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LLC (INSTITUTE) TRANSFERRED VARIOUS NET ASSETS TO THE SAMUEL ROBERTS NOBLE FOUNDATION (FOUNDATION).

THESE NET ASSETS INCLUDED:

FMV OF INVESTMENTS	\$963,626,833
FMV OF LIABILITIES	5,983,168
NET VALUE OF BOOK EQUITY TRANSFERRED	897,005,309

THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS REPRESENTS A SPLIT OF THE OPERATION (INSTITUTE) AND ENDOWMENT (FOUNDATION) RESOURCES/EFFORTS INTO TWO SEPARATE BUT RELATED ENTITIES. THE ADDRESS OF THE FILING ORGANIZATION AND THE RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION IS THE SAME.

THE INSTITUTE CONTINUES BEING ORGANIZED AND OPERATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING ON ITS OPERATIONS IN THE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FIELD OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION. A FORM 8940 (FOR PUBLIC CHARITY STATUS) WAS FILED IN MAY 2017 AND A FAVORABLE ADVANCED RULING WAS RECEIVED IN MARCH 2018. THE 60 MONTH TERMINATION PERIOD (OF PF STATUS) UNDER SECTION 507(B)(1)(B) BEGAN JANUARY 1, 2018. THERE IS NO PLAN TO WIND DOWN OR TERMINATE THE INSTITUTE.

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FORM 990PF, PART VII-A, LINE 10 - SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTORS

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NAME AND ADDRESS

THE SAMUEL ROBERTS NOBLE FOUNDATION
2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY
ARDMORE, OK 73401

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BERMUDA
UNITED KINGDOM
CAYMAN ISLANDS

FORM 990PF, PART VII-B, LINE 5C-EXPENDITURE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

GRANTEE'S NAME: THE SAMUEL ROBERTS NOBLE FOUNDATION
GRANTEE'S ADDRESS: 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY
CITY, STATE & ZIP: ARDMORE, OK 73401
GRANT DATE: 05/01/2017
GRANT AMOUNT: 897,005,309.
GRANT PURPOSE: ENDOWMENT GRANT
AMOUNT EXPENDED:
ANY DIVERSION? NO
DATES OF REPORTS: ONGOING, RELATED ORGANIZATION
VERIFICATION DATE:
RESULTS OF VERIFICATION:
N/A

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FORM 990PF, PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND TRUSTEES

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<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS</u>	<u>EXPENSE ACCT AND OTHER ALLOWANCES</u>
ANN NOBLE BROWN 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR EMERITUS 3.00	0.	0.	0.
DAVID R BROWN 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR EMERITUS 3.00	0.	0.	0.
DR RANDOLPH BROWN, JR 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	41,000.	0.	0.
SUSAN BROWN 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	41,000.	0.	0.
JAMES DAY 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	26,000.	0.	0.
JAMES C DAY 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	38,000.	0.	0.

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<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS</u>	<u>EXPENSE ACCT AND OTHER ALLOWANCES</u>
SAM DUBOSE 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	32,000.	0.	0.
VIVIAN NOBLE DUBOSE 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	42,500.	0.	0.
BILL GODDARD 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	38,000.	0.	513.
VIRGINIA HECKMAN 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	33,500.	0.	732.
SHELLEY DRU MULLINS 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	36,500.	0.	0.
JESSIE NANCE 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	33,500.	0.	1,027.

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CODY NOBLE 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	40,250.	0.	0.
RUSSELL NOBLE 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	37,250.	0.	2,225.
MARIANNE ROONEY 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	30,500.	0.	0.
PATRICK ROONEY 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	26,000.	0.	0.
JACK WALDO 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	32,000.	0.	0.
STEPHEN YOUNG 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIRECTOR 3.00	34,250.	0.	0.

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WILLIAM B BUCKNER 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	PRESIDENT 40.00	549,473.	32,495.	19,940.
STEPHEN P RHINES 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	VP & GENERAL COUNSEL 40.00	310,725.	27,564.	4,410.
A JILL WALLACE 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	VP & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER 40.00	266,868.	25,191.	4,410.
ELIZABETH ALDRIDGE 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	SECRETARY 40.00	99,711.	16,271.	0.
	GRAND TOTALS	<u>1,789,027.</u>	<u>101,521.</u>	<u>33,257.</u>

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990PF, PART VIII - COMPENSATION OF THE FIVE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEESATTACHMENT 18

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS</u>	<u>EXPENSE ACCT AND OTHER ALLOWANCES</u>
MICHAEL UDVARDI 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	CHIEF SCIEN. OFFICER 40.00	278,360.	24,516.	2,938.
BILLY COOK 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIR. AG SYSTEMS RES. 40.00	270,379.	25,580.	7,579.
ZENGYU WANG 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIR. CORE RES & TRAN 40.00	249,580.	24,301.	5,347.
JEFF MOEN 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	DIR. STRATEGIC ALLIA 40.00	216,509.	22,337.	4,820.
RICK NELSON 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	PROF. & RES. ADMIN 40.00	213,592.	19,809.	0.
	TOTAL COMPENSATION	<u>1,228,420.</u>	<u>116,543.</u>	<u>20,684.</u>

990PF, PART VIII- COMPENSATION OF THE FIVE HIGHEST PAID PROFESSIONALSATTACHMENT 19

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>TYPE OF SERVICE</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>
MERCER 21875 NETWORK PLACE CHICAGO, IL 60673-1218	INVESTMENT MANAGER	278,740.
SANDS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC P.O. BOX 821821 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19182-1821	INVESTMENT MANAGER	266,782.
BMO ASSET MANAGEMENT LOCKBOX 0104035; GAM ACCOUNTING DEPT. MILWAUKEE, WI 53288-0435	INVESTMENT MANAGER	186,097.
GRANT THORNTON LLP 33562 TREASURY CENTER CHICAGO, IL 60694-3500	CONSULTANT	184,390.
BARROW, HANLEY, MEWHINNEY 2200 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 3100 DALLAS, TX 75201	INVESTMENT MANAGER	162,277.
	TOTAL COMPENSATION	<u>1,078,286.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART XIII - DISTRIBUTION FROM CORPUS ELECTION

ELECTION UNDER REGULATION §53.4942(A)-3(E)(2)
QUALIFYING DISTRIBUTIONS TREATED AS DISTRIBUTIONS OUT OF CORPUS

NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LLC ELECTS PURSUANT TO REGULATION §53.4942(A)-3(E)(2) TO TREAT DISTRIBUTIONS OUT OF CORPUS IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS OF IRC 4942(G)(3) FOR THE CURRENT TAX YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017.

THE FOUNDATION MANAGER DECLARES BELOW THAT THE FOUNDATION IS MAKING THIS ELECTION UNDER REGULATION §53.4942(A)-3(E)(2) AND THE CURRENT YEAR DISTRIBUTION WAS TREATED UNDER REGULATION §53.4942(A)-3(E)(2) AS A DISTRIBUTION OUT OF CORPUS AS FOLLOWS:

DISTRIBUTIONS	AMOUNT
CURRENT YEAR DISTRIBUTION FROM CORPUS	26,000,000

FORM 990PF, PART XV - NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE FOR APPLICATIONS

NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LLC
2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY
ARDMORE, OK 73401
580-224-6213

990PF, PART XV - FORM AND CONTENTS OF SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS

NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LLC
AN INTRODUCTION LETTER DESCRIBING THE ORGANIZATION AND PROJECT

990PF, PART XV - SUBMISSION DEADLINES

NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LLC
MAY 31

990PF, PART XV - RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS

NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LLC
GENERALLY RESTRICTED TO SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES 501(C)(3)
ORGANIZATIONS

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RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR AND FOUNDATION STATUS OF RECIPIENT	PURPOSE OF GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION	AMOUNT
ARBUCKLE LIFE SOLUTIONS, INC. NINE 10TH AVENUE, N.W. ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE PC	ANNUAL OPERATING SUPPORT	30,000.
ASSOC. OF PROFESSIONAL OKLAHOMA EDUCATORS FNDTN P.O. BOX 639 NOBLE, OK 73068	NONE PC	ANNUAL OPERATING SUPPORT	20,000.
ATLANTA UNION MISSION CORPORATION P.O. BOX 1807 ATLANTA, GA 30301	NONE PC	SUPPORT FOR THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S PROGRAMS	20,000.
CARTER COUNTY CASA, INC. 20 B STREET, S.W., STE. #401 ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE PC	OPERATING SUPPORT	10,000.
CHARLES B. GODDARD CENTER FOR VISUAL AND PERFORMIN P.O. BOX 1624 ARDMORE, OK 73402	NONE PC	OPERATING SUPPORT, ART EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAM, AND SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR ART STUDIO CLASSES	35,000.
COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG FOUNDATION P. O. BOX 1776 WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23187-1776	NONE PC	2017 OKLAHOMA TEACHERS INSTITUTE	12,000.

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RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR AND FOUNDATION STATUS OF RECIPIENT	PURPOSE OF GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION	AMOUNT
DIABETES SOLUTIONS - OK, INC. 3333 NW 63RD, SUITE 100 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73116	NONE PC	SUPPORT FOR CAMP ENDRES	7,500.
EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY, INC. 1501 NORTH CLASSEN BLVD. OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73106	NONE PC	REENTRY SERVICES PROJECT FROM INCARCERATION TO FREEDOM: WOMEN'S SPECIAL RELEASE PROGRAM	30,000.
GLORIA AINSWORTH CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER, INC 502 "G" STREET N.E. ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE PC	OPERATING SUPPORT	40,000.
GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CLINIC INC. TWENTY 12TH AVENUE NW ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE PC	OPERATING SUPPORT	75,000.
GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOUNDATION PO BOX 1710 TAHLEQUAH, OK 74465	NONE PC	OPERATING SUPPORT	15,000.
MURRAY STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. ONE MURRAY CAMPUS TISHOMINGO, OK 73460	NONE PC	2017/2018 AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS	5,000.

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RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR AND FOUNDATION STATUS OF RECIPIENT	PURPOSE OF GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION	AMOUNT
OKLAHOMA ARTS INSTITUTE 111 N.W. 9TH STREET OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73102	NONE PC	SUPPORT FOR SUMMER ARTS INSTITUTE	12,000.
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION PO BOX 1749 STILLWATER, OK 74076-1749	NONE PC	SUPPORT FOR THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM	20,000.
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION PO BOX 1749 STILLWATER, OK 74076-1749	NONE PC	2017/2018 AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS	10,000.
PANHANDLE STATE FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 430 GOODWELL, OK 73939	NONE PC	2017/2018 AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS	8,000.
PHILANTHROPY ROUNDTABLE 1120 20TH STREET, NW SUITE 550 SOUTH WASHINGTON, DC 20036	NONE PC	ANNUAL OPERATING SUPPORT	10,000.
SOIL HEALTH INSTITUTE 2803 SLATER ROAD SUITE 115 MORRISVILLE, NC 27560	NONE PC	OPERATING SUPPORT	1,018,798.

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RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR AND FOUNDATION STATUS OF RECIPIENT	PURPOSE OF GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION	AMOUNT
SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2610 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401-2100	NONE GOV	2017/2018 SCHOLARSHIPS	4,600.
YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF ARDMORE OKLAHO 925 WEST BROADWAY ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE PC	ANNUAL OPERATING SUPPORT	50,000.
AVILA UNIVERSITY 11901 WORNALL ROAD KANSAS CITY, MO 64145	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	750.
BARCLAY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION INC. 607 N. KINGMAN HAVILAND, KS 67059-9558	NONE PC	FINE ARTS CENTER - TAKE A SEAT CAMPAIGN	2,500.
CAMERON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION INC. 2800 WEST GORE BLVD. LAWTON, OK 73505-6320	NONE PC	KCCU-FM PUBLIC RADIO	2,350.
CAMERON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION INC. 2800 WEST GORE BLVD. LAWTON, OK 73505-6320	NONE PC	KCCU-FM PUBLIC RADIO	125.

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RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR AND FOUNDATION STATUS OF RECIPIENT	PURPOSE OF GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION	AMOUNT
CASADY SCHOOL P.O. BOX 20390 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73116	NONE FC	GREATEST NEED	5,000.
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 17126 DENVER, CO 80217-9155	NONE FC	CU BOULDER FUND FOR EXCELLENCE	250.
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION 510 UNIVERSITY SERVICES CENTER 601 SOUTH HOWES STREET FORT COLLINS, CO 80523-7112	NONE FC	DIANA WRIGHT ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT	5,000.
COOKSON HILLS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 60416 HIGHWAY 10 KANSAS, OK 74347	NONE FC	GENERAL SUPPORT	5,444.
DAVIDSON COLLEGE P.O. BOX 7170 DAVIDSON, NC 28035	NONE FC	BROWN SCHOLARSHIP	1,000.
DICKSON FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION INC P.O. BOX 1022 ARDMORE, OK 73402	NONE FC	GENERAL SUPPORT	120.

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RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR AND FOUNDATION STATUS OF RECIPIENT	PURPOSE OF GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION	AMOUNT
DICKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 4762 STATE HWY 199 ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE GOV	BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL PROGRAMS	750.
DICKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 4762 STATE HWY 199 ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE GOV	UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	125.
DICKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 4762 STATE HWY 199 ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE GOV	BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL	200.
DUKE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI AND DEVELOPMENT RECORDS BOX 90581 DURHAM, NC 27708-0581	NONE PC	TRINITY COLLEGE ANNUAL FUND-FINANCIAL AID	200.
EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 475 EAST LOCKWOOD AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MO 63119	NONE PC	ANNUAL FUND	250.
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF DALLAS INC. 4100 MERRELL ROAD DALLAS, TX 75229	NONE PC	ESD ATHLETICS PROGRAM	500.

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FORT BEND I S D EDUCATION FOUNDATION 16431 LEXINGTON BOULEVARD SUGAR LAND, TX 77479	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	1,460.
FORT WORTH COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL INC. 4200 COUNTRY DAY LANE FT. WORTH, TX 76109	NONE PC	KATHERINE HOOTON MEMORIAL FUND	1,500.
GOOD SHEPHERD NATIVITY MISSION SCHOOL INC. 353 BARONNE ST. NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	10,000.
GRACELAND UNIVERSITY 1 UNIVERSITY PLACE LAMONI, IA 50140	NONE PC	SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM	3,200.
HILLSDALE COLLEGE 33 EAST COLLEGE STREET HILLSDALE, MI 49242	NONE PC	INDEPENDENCE FUND	1,000.
HOUSTON CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL 2700 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY NORTH HOUSTON, TX 77043	NONE PC	ACADEMIC AND FINE ARTS NEEDS	1,000.

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JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY 2000 WEST UNIVERSITY STREET SILOAM SPRINGS, AR 72761	NONE PC	JBU SCHOLARSHIP FUND	350.
MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY FOUNDATION INC. 101 ACADEMY DRIVE; KURZ HALL 1ST FLOOR BUZZARDS BAY, MA 02532	NONE PC	CADET SCHOLARSHIPS	5,000.
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION INC. P.O. BOX 6149 MISSISSIPPI STATE, MS 39762	NONE PC	C. DALE HOOVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRONOMY (\$500) AND THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (\$300)	500.
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION INC. P.O. BOX 6149 MISSISSIPPI STATE, MS 39762	NONE PC	COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	300.
THE MORE FOUNDATION 301 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 210 ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE PC	ROBERT STARR HAILE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	100.
THE MORE FOUNDATION 301 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 210 ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	550.

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OAK HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL 2815 N. MOUNT WASHINGTON RD. ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE PC	SCHOLARSHIP FUND	250.
OAK HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL 2815 N. MOUNT WASHINGTON RD. ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE PC	ANNUAL FUND, FOSTER CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, AN D GENERAL SUPPORT	431.
OAK HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL 2815 N. MOUNT WASHINGTON RD. ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	500.
OAK HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL 2815 N. MOUNT WASHINGTON RD. ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	100.
OKLAHOMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AUTHORITY FNDTN P.O. BOX 14190 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73113	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	850.
OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS FNDTN 1141 N. LINCOLN BLVD. OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	2,000.

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OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS FNDDN 1141 N. LINCOLN BLVD. OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104	NONE PC	FACULTY ENDOWMENT FUND	600.
OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS FNDDN 1141 N. LINCOLN BLVD. OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	500.
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 1749 STILLWATER, OK 74076	NONE PC	DEAN'S EXCELLENCE FUND IN AGRICULTURE	100.
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 1749 STILLWATER, OK 74076	NONE PC	ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING FUND	125.
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 1749 STILLWATER, OK 74076	NONE PC	OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP FUND	100.
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 1749 STILLWATER, OK 74076	NONE PC	OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP FUND	100.

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OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 1749 STILLWATER, OK 74076	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	2,018.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION INC. 100 TIMBERDELL ROAD NORMAN, OK 73019	NONE PC	LAMBDA CHI ALPHA DON SHERMAN BROTHERHOOD SCHOLARSH IP	100.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION INC. 100 TIMBERDELL ROAD NORMAN, OK 73019	NONE PC	ASSOCIATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA	1,500.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION INC. 100 TIMBERDELL ROAD NORMAN, OK 73019	NONE PC	MEN'S GOLF PROGRAM	80.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION INC. 100 TIMBERDELL ROAD NORMAN, OK 73019	NONE PC	LESTER A. DAY FAMILY CHAIR FOR THE MEWBOURNE COLLEGE OF EARTH AND ENERGY	20,000.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION INC. 100 TIMBERDELL ROAD NORMAN, OK 73019	NONE PC	ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT	800.

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UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION INC. 100 TIMBERDELL ROAD NORMAN, OK 73019	NONE PC	SOONER CLUB	2,160.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION INC. 100 TIMBERDELL ROAD NORMAN, OK 73019	NONE PC	LAW ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAMS	100.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION INC. 100 TIMBERDELL ROAD NORMAN, OK 73019	NONE PC	SOONER CLUB	1,500.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION INC. 100 TIMBERDELL ROAD NORMAN, OK 73019	NONE PC	PRICE COLLEGE FINANCE DIVISION	300.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION INC. 100 TIMBERDELL ROAD NORMAN, OK 73019	NONE PC	BOTANY & MICROBIOLOGY CENTENNIAL LEGACY	100.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION INC. 100 TIMBERDELL ROAD NORMAN, OK 73019	NONE PC	PRIDE OF OKLAHOMA ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAMS	50.

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RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR AND FOUNDATION STATUS OF RECIPIENT	PURPOSE OF GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION	AMOUNT
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION INC. 100 TIMBERDELL ROAD NORMAN, OK 73019	NONE PC	ASSOCIATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA	1,000.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION INC. 100 TIMBERDELL ROAD NORMAN, OK 73019	NONE PC	ASSOCIATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA	2,500.
PLAINVIEW OF ARDMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION INC. 1140 S. PLAINVIEW ROAD ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	100.
PLAINVIEW OF ARDMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION INC. 1140 S. PLAINVIEW ROAD ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	750.
RHODES COLLEGE 2000 NORTH PARKWAY MEMPHIS, TN 38112	NONE PC	SCIENCE BUILDING	15,000.
ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY 1100 ROCKHURST ROAD KANSAS CITY, MO 64110	NONE PC	GOLDEN HAWKS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP	750.

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SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY FNDTN 306 EAST ST. JOSEPH STREET SUITE 200 RAPID CITY, SD 57701	NONE PC	TIM ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP	5,000.
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY P.O. BOX 750402 DALLAS, TX 75275-0100	NONE PC	DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD FUND	250.
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY P.O. BOX 750402 DALLAS, TX 75275-0100	NONE PC	ED NOBLE ENDOWED MBA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	5,000.
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY P.O. BOX 750402 DALLAS, TX 75275-0100	NONE PC	MEADOWS SCHOLARS PROGRAM	7,500.
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH 735 UNIVERSITY AVENUE SEWANEE, TN 37383	NONE PC	YSR WOMEN'S GOLF	500.
ST AMBROSE SCHOOL 4213 MANGUM ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77092	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	610.

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ST CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL 11740 JOAN OF ARC DRIVE HOUSTON, TX 77024	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	1,000.
ST JOHNS NORTHWESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY INC. 1101 N. GENESEE ST. DELAFIELD, WI 53018	NONE PC	EXCALIBUR FUND	500.
TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION 401 GEORGE BUSH DR. COLLEGE STATION, TX 77840	NONE PC	MARY ANNE & J.W. KORNEGAY SCHOLARSHIP	10,000.
TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION 401 GEORGE BUSH DR. COLLEGE STATION, TX 77840	NONE PC	H. PHIL HOBSON, DVM ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP	2,000.
TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION 401 GEORGE BUSH DR. COLLEGE STATION, TX 77840	NONE PC	GEOLOGY DEPT. DEVELOPMENT FUND	1,000.
TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION 401 GEORGE BUSH DR. COLLEGE STATION, TX 77840	NONE PC	PETROLEUM ENGINEERING DEPT. FUND	1,000.

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TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION 401 GEORGE BUSH DR. COLLEGE STATION, TX 77840	NONE PC	SUL ROSS SCHOLARSHIP	6,000.
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY TCU BOX 298240 FT. WORTH, TX 76129	NONE PC	FROG CLUB GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS	2,990.
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY TCU BOX 298240 FT. WORTH, TX 76129	NONE PC	M.J. NEELEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	1,250.
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY TCU BOX 298240 FT. WORTH, TX 76129	NONE PC	SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT	100.
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 3429 CHAMPAIGN, IL 61826-3429	NONE PC	CROP SCIENCES UNRESTRICTED FUND	500.
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 3429 CHAMPAIGN, IL 61826-3429	NONE PC	PLANT BIOLOGY ANNUAL FUND	500.

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 3429 CHAMPAIGN, IL 61826-3429	NONE PC	COLLEGE OF ACES ANNUAL FUND	50.
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 3429 CHAMPAIGN, IL 61826-3429	NONE PC	COLLEGE OF LAS ANNUAL FUND	50.
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS BOX 1210, 1 BROOKINGS DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63130	NONE PC	DEPT. OF BIOLOGY	1,100.
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS BOX 1210, 1 BROOKINGS DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63130	NONE PC	PROGRAM IN PHYSICAL THERAPY	550.
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS BOX 1210, 1 BROOKINGS DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63130	NONE PC	STEPHEN ROSE DIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP IN PHYSICAL THERAPY	550.
WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS INC. 1424 W. PACES FERRY ROAD, NW ATLANTA, GA 30327	NONE PC	GREATEST NEED	250.

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WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS INC. 1424 W. PACES FERRY ROAD, NW ATLANTA, GA 30327	NONE PC	SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN THE GOAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	1,334.
WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS INC. 1424 W. PACES FERRY ROAD, NW ATLANTA, GA 30327	NONE PC	SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN THE GOAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	1,334.
THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE 10000 OJAI SANTA PAULA ROAD SANTA PAULA, CA 93060	NONE PC	GENERAL SUPPORT	1,000.
ANGELO, CHEYENNE DAWN 13016 APPALOOSA AVENUE WELLINGTON, CO 80549	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
DETHLOFF, CALEB 10254 PRAIRIE VALLEY LONE GROVE, OK 73443	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
DONICA, SAVANNAH M 84 DURWOOD ROAD ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.

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FUNDERBURG, AMANDA JEAN 5215 KINGS ROAD ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
GARCIA, ARABELLA A 607 NORTH LEE STREET FREDERICKSBURG, TX 78624	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
HEMPHILL, RHYANE 5111 WEST 12TH STREET GREELEY, CO 80634	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
HUTTO, DAVID 114 SOUTH PLUM CREST CIRCLE THE WOODLANDS, TX 77382	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
INKS, SAMANTHA JANE 1692 GARLAND STREET LAKEWOOD, CO 80215	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
JACK, GABRIELLE NOEL 6290 SOUTH COVENTRY LANE EAST LITTLETON, CO 80123	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.

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JACOBSEN, CHRISTIAN SCOTT 1824 LINCOLN ST. HELENA, MT 59601	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
JOHNSON, SHELBY 516C COLLEGE STREET ADA, OK 74820	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
LANCE, SARA 2091 40TH AVENUE GREELEY, CO 80634	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
LANGLOIS, MIRANDA ROCHELLE 33981-A SUNSET DRIVE LILLIAN, AL 36549	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
MACKEY, JARED 4900 SOUTH BLACK ROAD COLEMAN, OK 73432	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
MAYS, JESSICA 6680 CARTER ROAD ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.

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MCDONALD, DANIELLE 5000 LEGACY DRIVE PLANO, TX 75024	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
MCFARLANE, LAUREN 16121 BLACK FALCON ROAD WALLER, TX 77484	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
MILLER, ANNA M 640 EAST DRY CREEK PLACE LITTLETON, CO 80122	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
MILLS, SARA 3 LANCEPINE PLACE THE WOODLANDS, TX 77382	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
NGUYEN, MEGAN 27326 LIBERTY HEIGHTS LANE FULSHEAR, TX 77441	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
NOLAND, ALI DUNN 926 EAST 15TH STREET ADA, OK 74820	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.

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PRESTON, KALEE 360 BLACKBIRD LANE ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
ROBERTS, KATELYN DELANIE 1209 ROBERTS LANE SW BROOKHAVEN, MS 39601	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
ROGERS, KELLY MICHELLE 274 GAYLE STREET ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
RUETER, JACKSON 3515 WEST 101ST CIRCLE WESTMINSTER, CO 80031	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
SAHA, RAMAN 1601 RED OAK DRIVE ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
STALDER, CARLY A 26 SHEARWATER PLACE THE WOODLANDS, TX 77381	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.

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STEINKE, CRAIG 83 SOUTH TAYLOR POINT DRIVE THE WOODLANDS, TX 77382	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
STEWART, HAILEY 56 WINDING BROOK DRIVE SUMRALL, MS 39482	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
WALKER, KATELYN 1515 TARA DRIVE ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
WONG, SARAH 14106 WOODNOOK DRIVE HOUSTON, TX 77077	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
WRIGHT, REBECCA CLAY 817 MCLISH ARDMORE, OK 73401	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.
YUE, SPENCER 3031 POMELO CIRCLE NORMAN, OK 73071	NONE I	NOBLE EDUCATIONAL FUND	2,500.

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BURNS, SHIANN 14129 DANCING RABBIT ROAD MADILL, OK 73446	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	3,125.
CHAPMAN, LUKE 323 S. WEST STREET STILLWATER, OK 74074	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	2,500.
CHAPMAN, VICTORIA 15599 W. GREASY BEND ROAD MANNSVILLE, OK 73447	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	2,500.
CHRISTIAN, ALLISON 620 S. RAMSEY, UNIT #3 STILLWATER, OK 74074	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	2,500.
COFFEY, RICHARD 4013 WESTBROOK DRIVE STILLWATER, OK 74074	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	3,125.
CUSTER, JACOB 1405 W. MCMURTRY RD. STILLWATER, OK 74075	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	2,500.

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EVENS, MICHAEL RT. 2 BOX 175 DUNCAN, OK 73533	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	1,250.
FERGUSON, JACKSON 969 N. 4140 RD. HUGO, OK 74743	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	2,500.
GRACE, TYLER 224 SOUTH WASHINGTON STILLWATER, OK 74074	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	2,500.
HARDER, BETHANY P.O. BOX 171 BATTIEST, OK 74722	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	2,500.
HARDIN, MATTHEW P. O. BOX 235 BETHEL, OK 74724	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	1,250.
HOWE, SAMANTHA 10070 REACTOR ROAD SULPHUR, OK 73086	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	2,500.

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ROGERS, MATTHEW B 1518 W. 4TH APT B STILLWATER, OK 74074	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	3,125.
SAVAGE, ELIJAH P.O. BOX 754 STRATFORD, OK 74872	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	1,875.
SHAW, WYATT 11945 CR 3585 ADA, OK 74820	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	2,500.
SPAMPINATO, MARK 38458 STATE ROAD 78 DURANT, OK 74701	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	2,500.
UPTON, AMANDA 17359 NORTH CR 3290 PAULS VALLEY, OK 73075	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	2,500.
WADE, JACOB 32300 US HWY 70 RINGLING, OK 73456	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	2,500.

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WILLIAMS, KRISTAL 5075 CR 1570 ADA, OK 74820	NONE I	SAM NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP	3,125.
		TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAID	<u>1,718,179.</u>

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<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUSINESS CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>EXCLUSION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RELATED OR EXEMPT FUNCTION INCOME</u>
EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS-REGISTRATIONS					30,622.
OTHER PROGRAM REVENUE					4,626,191.
EXTERNAL CORE SERVICES					91,410.
CATTLE, PECAN, AND OTHER FARM SALES					398,648.
OVERHEAD RECOVERY - SRNF					31,946.
TOTALS					<u>5,178,817.</u>

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<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUSINESS CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>EXCLUSION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RELATED OR EXEMPT FUNCTION INCOME</u>
ROYALTY/LEASEHOLD INCOME			15	1,287,511.	
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INCOME			01	10,472.	
RECOVERED QUALIFYING DISTRIBUTION			01	50,934.	
CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENTS			01	104,363.	
LOSS ON SALE OF FIXED ASSETS			01	-80,234.	
TOTALS				<u>1,373,046.</u>	

FORM 990PF, PART XVI-B - ACCOMPLISHMENT OF EXEMPT PURPOSES

EXPLAIN BELOW HOW EACH ACTIVITY FOR WHICH INCOME IS REPORTED IN COLUMN (E) OF PART XVI-A CONTRIBUTED IMPORTANTLY TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF YOUR EXEMPT PURPOSES (OTHER THAN BY PROVIDING FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES).

LINE NO.

1A EDUCATIONAL EVENTS, INCLUDING FIELD DAYS, DEMONSTRATIONS, SEMINARS, AND WORKSHOPS PROVIDE FARMERS AND RANCHERS TRAINING AND AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS AND BEST AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

1B VARIOUS AWARDS AND SUBAWARDS ARE RECEIVED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PLANT SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CONDUCTED AT THE INSTITUTE. WHILE THE MAJORITY OF THE AWARDS/SUBAWARDS ARE PUBLIC RESEARCH FUNDS SUBJECT TO AUDIT UNDER "TITLE 2 U.S. CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS (CFR) PART 200, UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS", THESE AWARDS/SUBAWARDS FURTHER INCLUDE PUBLIC RESEARCH FUNDS, PROVIDED THROUGH VARIOUS STATE OF OKLAHOMA PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS PRIVATE RESEARCH FUNDS PROVIDED THROUGH PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDUSTRY.

1C THE EXTERNAL CORE SERVICES FURTHERS THE INSTITUTE'S EXEMPT PURPOSES.

1D THE NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OPERATES SEVEN FARMS ON WHICH IT CARRIES OUT PROGRAMS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION. WITH REGARD TO SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS, THE FARMS ARE USED TO VALIDATE FULL SCALE TRIALS AND EVALUATIONS OF SMALL-SCALE INSTITUTE RESEARCH FINDINGS AS

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WELL AS THE SMALL-SCALE RESEARCH FINDINGS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. DEMONSTRATION OUTCOMES ARE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT NO COST THROUGH TOURS, EDUCATIONAL EVENTS AND PUBLICATIONS. THESE PROGRAMS, IN PART, FULFILL THE INSTITUTE'S CHARITABLE PURPOSE AND SERVE AS ONE BASIS FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S TAX EXEMPT STATUS. AS AN OUTCOME OF ITS RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS, CERTAIN MARKETABLE AGRICULTURAL BY-PRODUCTS, SUCH AS LIVESTOCK, PECANS, AND OTHER FARM PRODUCTS, ARE PRODUCED. WHILE SOME BY-PRODUCTS ARE CONSUMED OR DESTROYED IN NORMAL OPERATIONS, IN SOME INSTANCES, THE INSTITUTE SELLS SUCH BY-PRODUCTS THROUGH COMMON AGRICULTURAL MARKET OUTLETS. THE FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED BY CONDUCTING FIELD-BASED OPERATIONS THROUGH A MARKET ENDPOINT ALLOWS INSTITUTE CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE FARMERS AND RANCHERS OF ECONOMIC REALITIES FACED IN THEIR OWN FARMING AND RANCHING OPERATIONS.

1E THE OVERHEAD RECOVERY FROM THE SAMUEL ROBERTS NOBLE FOUNDATION FURTHERS THE INSTITUTE'S EXEMPT PURPOSES.

FEDERAL FOOTNOTES

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PART I, LINE 19 - DEPRECIATION
PART II, LINE 14 - LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT

LAND	9,580,377
BUILDING	140,069,232
IMPROVEMENTS	10,800,557
FURNITURE	739,313
CAPITALIZED INTEREST	8,901,329
AIRCRAFT/EQUIPMENT	18,807,946
EQUIPMENT	20,875,194
VEHICLES	3,302,588
COMPUTERS	5,489,510
FINE ARTS	1,491,683
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	7,145,163
 SUBTOTAL	 227,202,892
 LESS: ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	 (97,396,201)
 NET PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	 129,806,691
 CURRENT YEAR DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	 9,939,128

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PART IX-A - SUMMARY OF DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LLC (THE "INSTITUTE"), HEADQUARTERED IN ARDMORE, OKLA., IS AN INDEPENDENT, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CONDUCTING PLANT SCIENCE RESEARCH AND AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY, WHICH POSITIVELY IMPACTS AGRICULTURE REGIONALLY, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. FOUNDED IN 1945 (SEE NOTE(*) BELOW), THE INSTITUTE CONTINUES THE VISION OF ITS FOUNDER, LLOYD NOBLE, TO INFLUENCE AGRICULTURE BY EXPLORING AND IMPROVING PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE TECHNIQUES AND ADVANCING PLANT SCIENCE THROUGH RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY AND EDUCATING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS THROUGH CONSULTATION AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING. THE INSTITUTE HAS BECOME A LEADING PLANT AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE THAT: (A) CONDUCTS FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH FOR PLANT GENE/TRAIT DISCOVERY; (B) CONDUCTS FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH TO PRODUCE CRITICAL, PUBLICLY AVAILABLE GENOMIC/GENETIC RESOURCES FOR RESEARCHERS WORLDWIDE; (C) PERFORMS TRANSLATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL RESEARCH TO INCORPORATE INNOVATIONS AND DISCOVERIES INTO PLANTS; (D) PERFORMS PLANT BREEDING AND DEVELOPMENT; AND (E) EVALUATES AND ASSESSES CROPS AND TECHNOLOGY IN A PRODUCTION AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR PERFORMANCE AND VALUE ASSESSMENT. THESE RESEARCH OPERATIONS COMPLEMENT THE INSTITUTE'S AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS, WHICH INVOLVE LONG-TERM, PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS TO ASSIST THEM IN ACHIEVING THEIR INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTION, FINANCIAL AND QUALITY-OF-LIFE GOALS. IN ADDITION, THE INSTITUTE PROVIDES CONTINUING, COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION TO FARMERS AND RANCHERS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING THEIR RESPECTIVE SKILLS TO IMPROVE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES, ENHANCE CAPACITY AND PRODUCTIVITY, AND IMPROVE PROFITABILITY.

THE INSTITUTE EMPLOYS MORE THAN 348 STAFF MEMBERS ACROSS ITS AGRICULTURAL CONSULTING, RESEARCH, FIELD, AND SUPPORT GROUPS, REPRESENTING MORE THAN 25 OR MORE COUNTRIES. AMONG THESE EMPLOYEES, APPROXIMATELY 88 HOLD DOCTORATE LEVEL DEGREES.

THESE OPERATIONS ARE BASED ON AN 800 ACRE CAMPUS WHICH INCLUDES MORE THAN 500,000 SQUARE FEET OF RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATION SPACE AND A COMPLEMENTARY 13,500 ACRES OF FARMS OFFERING DIFFERENT OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS IN SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA.

IN 2017, INSTITUTE AGRICULTURAL CONSULTANTS AND SCIENTISTS PUBLISHED MORE THAN 60 PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES IN SCIENTIFICALLY RESPECTED

JOURNALS, RECEIVED TWO (2) ISSUED U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL PATENTS, FILED EIGHT (8) U.S. PATENT AND INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS, AND RECEIVED ONE (1) ISSUED PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE.

IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS CHARITABLE MISSION AND ITS COMMITMENT TO ADVANCE THE FIELDS OF PLANT SCIENCE AND PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE, INSTITUTE CONSULTANTS AND SCIENTISTS FORMALLY COLLABORATE WITH A BROAD BASE OF ACADEMIC AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, PARTICIPATING AS A COLLABORATING INSTITUTION IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S BIOENERGY SCIENCE CENTER AT THE OAK RIDGE NATIONAL AND SUCCESSOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S CENTER FOR BIOENERGY INNOVATION, AND WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING LAND GRANT UNIVERSITIES AND NON-LAND GRANT COLLEGES OF AGRICULTURE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, TEXAS AGRILIFE RESEARCH, TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE, INSTITUTE OF RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES (TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY NATURAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE), UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKLEY, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN, MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, AND MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE INSTITUTE WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT PLANT RESEARCH INSTITUTES (AIPI), WHICH FURTHERS COLLABORATION AND CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER MEMBER INSTITUTIONS: BOYCE THOMPSON INSTITUTE FOR PLANT RESEARCH, THE DONALD DANFORTH PLANT SCIENCE CENTER, AND THE PLANT BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF THE CARNEGIE INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE. IN SUPPORT OF ITS RESEARCH, THE INSTITUTE RECEIVES PUBLIC SUPPORT FROM THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, THE FOUNDATION FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE OKLAHOMA CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.

MOREOVER, THROUGH ITS YOUTH OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM, NOBLE LEARNING (YOUTH), THE INSTITUTE IS COLLABORATING WITH A LOCAL PRIVATE SCHOOL, OAK HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL (GRADES 7-8), AND LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS) IN THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES PLAINVIEW, ARDMORE, MARIETTA, AND DICKSON. ADDITIONALLY, THROUGH STATEWIDE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS, NOBLE LEARNING IS REACHING EDUCATORS (AND THEIR STUDENTS) ACROSS THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA. OUTSIDE OF THE TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM SETTING, NOBLE LEARNING WORKS WITH OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, 4-H, OKLAHOMA FFA (FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA), THE BOTANICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS, AND THE DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS,

TO SHARE WITH URBAN AND RURAL STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12 THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH THROUGH HANDS-ON, INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES. IN 2017, MORE THAN 7,000 INTERACTIONS OCCURRED WITH THE EDUCATOR- AND STUDENT-PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF DEVELOPING AND DELIVERING THESE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES, THE INSTITUTE AND NOBLE LEARNING FURTHER COLLABORATES WITH OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA TECHNOLOGY CENTER (SOTC), THE OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, AND OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU. NOBLE LEARNING FURTHER HOSTS MORE THAN 15 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ANNUALLY, PROVIDING EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING THROUGH A 10-WEEK SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM TO BENEFIT FUTURE AGRICULTURAL PROFESSIONALS (LLOYD NOBLE SCHOLARS IN AGRICULTURE) AND FUTURE LIFE SCIENCE RESEARCHERS (LLOYD NOBLE SCHOLARS IN PLANT SCIENCE).

NOTE(*): NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LLC, AN OKLAHOMA, NONPROFIT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, IS SUCCESSOR-BY-CONVERSION OF THE SAMUEL ROBERTS NOBLE FOUNDATION, INC. (THE "FOUNDATION"), EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2017. UNDER OKLAHOMA STATE LAW, AN OKLAHOMA CORPORATION MAY BE STATUTORILY CONVERTED INTO AN OKLAHOMA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO OKLAHOMA STATUTES §18-1090.5. A CONVERSION PURSUANT TO THIS PROVISION IS DEEMED TO NOT AFFECT ANY OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES OF THE CORPORATION INCURRED BEFORE THE CONVERSION AND THE RESULTING LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY IS DEEMED TO BE THE SAME ENTITY AS THE CORPORATION. (SEE OKLAHOMA STATUTES § 18-1090.5(E) AND (H)).

IN MAY 1, 2017, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FOUNDATION WERE EFFECTIVELY SEPARATED. THE FOUNDATION'S HISTORICAL RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES WERE RETAINED AND CONTINUE WITHIN THE INSTITUTE. THE HISTORICAL PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING GRANT-MAKING AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS, WERE TRANSITIONED TO AND CONTINUE WITHIN A NEW, PRIVATE FOUNDATION (EIN 81-5328519), WHICH CARRIES THE NAME "THE SAMUEL ROBERTS NOBLE FOUNDATION".

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FURTHER RECOGNIZED THE INSTITUTE'S INTENTION TO TERMINATE ITS PRIVATE FOUNDATION STATUS AND ISSUED AN ADVANCE RULING FOR THE INSTITUTE, RECOGNIZING IT AS A 501(C)(3), PUBLIC CHARITY (AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION), ON MARCH 6, 2018. THE TERMINATION OF THE INSTITUTE'S PRIVATE FOUNDATION STATUS REQUIRES A 60-MONTH TERMINATION PERIOD, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018. THE INSTITUTE WILL FOLLOW THE PRESCRIBED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DURING THIS 60-MONTH TERMINATION PERIOD.

SUPPORT FOR OPERATIONS CAUSES OUR FUNDS SPENT FOR OPERATING AND

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, AS REPORTED ON PART I, TO BE HIGHER THAN AN EXCLUSIVELY GRANTING FOUNDATION. THE CALCULATION BELOW SHOWS HOW OUR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS ARE ALLOCATED INTO THE OPERATING GROUPS. OPERATING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (PART I-LINE 24) \$46,852,071. AMOUNTS PAID TO ACQUIRE ASSETS (PART XII-LINE 2) \$8,975,726 AND GRANTS PAID (PART I-LINE 25) \$1,718,179 EQUAL THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES OF \$57,545,976. DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES (PART IX-A): AGRICULTURAL DIVISION \$16,592,580; FORAGE IMPROVEMENT DIVISION \$13,884,506; AND PLANT BIOLOGY DIVISION \$20,868,027 EQUAL THE TOTAL DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES OF \$51,345,113 PLUS CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS PAID OF \$1,718,179 EQUAL TOTAL DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND GRANTS PAID OF \$53,063,292. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES NOT RELATED TO DIRECT OPERATIONS ARE \$4,482,677. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS SPENT FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES EQUALS 7.79%.

FEDERAL FOOTNOTES

NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LLC
EIN: 73-0606209
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PART IX-B - SUMMARY OF PROGRAM-RELATED INVESTMENTS

DURING THE TAX YEARS 2002-2004 AND 2006, THE ORGANIZATION NOW KNOWN AS NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LLC (INSTITUTE) MADE GRANTS TO AN ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN SECTION 509(A)(1), (2), OR (3), OR SECTION 4940(D)(2). THOSE GRANTS TOTALING \$1,502,539.90 WERE FOR A PROGRAM RELATED INVESTMENT IN THE OKLAHOMA LIFE SCIENCES FUND, LLC (OLSF). FOLLOWING IS THE REQUIRED EXPENDITURE RESPONSIBILITY REPORT:

NAME/ADDRESS OF GRANTEE: OKLAHOMA LIFE SCIENCES FUND, LLC
800 RESEARCH PKWY STE 385
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73102

NO GRANT FUNDS WERE PAID DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD OF 2017. THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT (PROGRAM-RELATED INVESTMENT) WAS TO ACCOMPLISH THE CHARITABLE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE LIFE SCIENCES. THE INSTITUTE CONSIDERS SUCH AN INVESTMENT CRITICAL TO ADVANCING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LIFE-SCIENCES FIELD, SO AS TO ADVANCE AGRICULTURAL AND MEDICAL RESEARCH IN OKLAHOMA, CONSISTENT WITH ITS EXEMPT PURPOSE. THE GRANTEE EXPENDED THE AMOUNTS AS IT RECEIVED THEM FROM THE INSTITUTE TO ADVANCE RESEARCH IN LIFE SCIENCES AS DISCUSSED ABOVE. TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE INSTITUTE, THE GRANTEE HAS NOT DIVERTED ANY PORTION OF THE FUNDS FROM THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT. THE GRANTEE PROVIDED THE INSTITUTE WITH REPORTS AND OTHER INFORMATION ON THE USE OF FUNDS THAT ENABLED THE INSTITUTE TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS OF THE GRANT, AND THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE GRANTEE TOWARD ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT WAS MADE. THE INSTITUTE BELIEVES THAT OLSF HAS COMPLIED WITH THE TERMS OF THE GRANT, WITHOUT EXCEPTION. AT THIS POINT, ALL ORIGINAL CAPITAL OF OLSF HAS BEEN INVESTED AND IT IS A MATURE FUND.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION/DATES: 2016 ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO REGULATION 53.4945 RECEIVED 03/21/2017. THE INSTITUTE'S VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL REVIEWED THE REPORTS UPON RECEIPT. THE INVESTMENT WAS CARRIED AT COST DECEMBER 31, 2009 OF \$1,502,540. BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010, THE VALUE WAS WRITTEN DOWN TO \$388,557. NO ADDITIONAL VERIFICATION WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

THIS PROGRAM-RELATED INVESTMENT WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE SAMUEL ROBERTS NOBLE FOUNDATION DURING 2017.

Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**
▶ **Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form8868.**

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 to request a 6-month automatic extension of time to file any of the forms listed below with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, for which an extension request must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile, click on Charities & Non-Profits, and click on e-file for *Charities and Non-Profits*.

Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Type or print	Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions		
	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions.	Employer identification number (EIN) or	
NOBLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE LLC	73-0606209		
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.	Social security number (SSN)	
	2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY		
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.		
	ARDMORE, OK 73401		

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 04

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

A. JILL WALLACE

• The books are in the care of ▶ 2510 SAM NOBLE PARKWAY ARDMORE OK 73401

Telephone No. ▶ 580 224-6227 Fax No. ▶

• If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box

• If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until 11/15, 2018, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

▶ calendar year 2017 or
▶ tax year beginning _____, 20____, and ending _____, 20____.

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return
 Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	0.
b If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	489,598.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	0.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.

