

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2015

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

- ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- ▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01, 2015, and ending 06/30, 2016

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite TWO COLLEGE STREET City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code PROVIDENCE, RI 02903				D Employer identification number 05-0258956	
	F Name and address of principal officer: ROSANNE SOMERSON TWO COLLEGE ST PROVIDENCE, RI 02903				E Telephone number (401) 454-6766	
	I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527				G Gross receipts \$ 399,568,347.	
	J Website: WWW.RISD.EDU				H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶				L Year of formation: 1877 M State of legal domicile: RI		

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE SCHEDULE O.		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	23.
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	22.
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	3,500.
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	25.
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	677,937.
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	73,772.	
Revenue			Prior Year	Current Year
	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	12,894,987.	7,179,513.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	139,998,096.	145,476,975.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	5,059,177.	424,789.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	502,440.	567,938.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	158,454,700.	153,649,215.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	19,974,273.	21,187,972.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	79,715,759.	81,848,119.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 2,969,016.		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	56,031,415.	54,255,404.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	155,721,447.	157,291,495.	
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	2,733,253.	-3,642,280.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	592,921,948.	569,276,493.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	202,334,352.	195,151,437.
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	390,587,596.	374,125,056.	

Part II Signature Block

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 officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	▶ Signature of officer	Date			
	▶ Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name ERIN COUTURE	Preparer's signature <i>Erin Couture</i>	Date 05/08/2017	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01390592
	Firm's name ▶ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP	Firm's EIN ▶ 13-4008324			
	Firm's address ▶ 101 SEAPORT BOULEVARD BOSTON, MA 02210	Phone no. 617-530-5000			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE SCHEDULE O.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 127,854,541. including grants of \$ 21,187,972.) (Revenue \$ 142,313,736.)

EDUCATION - PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO APPROXIMATELY 2,481 FULLTIME STUDENTS, 2,045 SUMMER 2015 STUDENTS AND 2,022 EXTENSION SCHOOL STUDENTS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 8,683,747. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 3,163,239.)

MUSEUM - THE RISD MUSEUM EDUCATES AND INSPIRES STUDENTS AND THE PUBLIC THROUGH EXHIBITIONS, LECTURES, TOURS, WORKSHOPS AND PUBLICATIONS.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 136,538,288.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A.</i>	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.</i>		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.</i>	X	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.</i>		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I.</i>		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II.</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.</i>	X	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV.</i>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.</i>	X	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i>	X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments-other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i>	X	
c Did the organization report an amount for investments-program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i>		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i>		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>	X	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII.</i>		X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional.</i>	X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>	X	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	X	
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV.</i>	X	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV.</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV.</i>		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions).		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.</i>		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.</i>		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.</i>	X	
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J.</i>	X	
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	X	
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		X
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		X
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		X
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III.</i>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>	X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>	X	
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	X	
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	X	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	X	
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	X	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

Table with columns for line numbers (1a-14b), descriptions, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes entries for Form 1096, Form W-2G, Form W-3, Form 990-T, Form 8886-T, Form 8899, Form 1098-C, Form 720, and Form 709.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 1a (23), 1b (22), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8, 8a, 8b, 9.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15, 15a, 15b, 16a, 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed CA,
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: SAMUEL B. SOLOMON, CFO, 2 COLLEGE ST PROVIDENCE, RI 02903-2790 401-454-6766

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII. X

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) MICHAEL SPALTER ----- TRUSTEE/CHAIR OF BOARD	2.00 ----- 0.	X	X					0.	0.	0.
(2) MARGARET A. WILLIAMS ----- TRUSTEE/VICE CHAIR OF BOARD	2.00 ----- 0.	X	X					0.	0.	0.
(3) LISA PEVAROFF-COHN ----- TRUSTEE/VICE CHAIR OF BOARD	2.00 ----- 0.	X	X					0.	0.	0.
(4) DAVID C. BARCLAY ----- TRUSTEE	2.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) V. DUNCAN JOHNSON ----- TRUSTEE UNTIL (10/07/15)	2.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) LOUIS BEAL ----- LIFE TRUSTEE	2.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) JOHN BEUG ----- TRUSTEE	2.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) ERICA DI BONA ----- TRUSTEE	2.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) SUSAN DRYFOOS ----- TRUSTEE	2.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) JOSEPH GEBBIA ----- TRUSTEE	2.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) ROBERT W. GLASS ----- TRUSTEE	2.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) RICHARD W. HAINING, SR. ----- TRUSTEE	2.00 ----- 1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) JON KAMEN ----- TRUSTEE	2.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) MARY LOVEJOY ----- TRUSTEE	2.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) STEPHEN A. METCALF TRUSTEE	2.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(16) NICOLE J. MILLER TRUSTEE	2.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(17) STEVEN PERELMAN TRUSTEE	2.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(18) SANDRA P. SMITH TRUSTEE	2.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(19) WILLIAM G. TSIARAS, M.D. TRUSTEE	2.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(20) JEFFREY YAN TRUSTEE	2.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(21) AMITA CHATTERJEE TRUSTEE	2.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(22) KAREN HAMMOND TRUSTEE	2.00 1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(23) MICHAEL NEFF TRUSTEE	2.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(24) ROSANNE SOMERSON INT PRES(UNTIL 2/15)/PRESIDENT	50.00 1.00	X		X			509,524.	0.	67,111.	
(25) JEAN EDDY COO	50.00 0.			X			375,585.	0.	51,418.	
1b Sub-total							0.	0.	0.	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							2,585,131.	0.	427,788.	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							2,585,131.	0.	427,788.	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 101

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
ATTACHMENT 1		

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ▶ 27

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(26) SAMUEL B. SOLOMON CFO	50.00 1.00			X				238,869.	0.	49,788.
(27) PRADEEP SHARMA PROVOST	50.00 0.				X			275,919.	0.	47,441.
(28) JOHN W. SMITH MUSEUM DIRECTOR	50.00 0.				X			255,531.	0.	37,462.
(29) STEVEN J. MCDONALD GENERAL COUNSEL	50.00 0.					X		218,372.	0.	42,985.
(30) CANDACE BAER VP HUMAN RESOURCES	50.00 0.					X		196,585.	0.	44,782.
(31) ANAIS A. MISSAKIAN DEPT. HEAD/ PROFESSOR	50.00 0.					X		190,942.	0.	46,947.
(32) PATRICIA PHILLIPS DEAN GRAD STUDIES(UNT 6/30/16)	50.00 0.					X		162,813.	0.	15,695.
(33) CAROL STROHECKER VICE PROVOST	50.00 0.					X		160,991.	0.	24,159.
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **▶** 101

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **▶**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII.

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a						
	b Membership dues	1b						
	c Fundraising events	1c						
	d Related organizations	1d						
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	2,188,318.					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	4,991,195.					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		1,668,825.					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			7,179,513.				
	Program Service Revenue	2a TUITION/ROOM/BOARD	Business Code	900099	140,932,210.	140,932,210.		
b MUSEUM			900099	601,970.	601,970.			
c BOOK/SUPPLY STORE			451211	3,942,795.			3,942,795.	
d _____								
e _____								
f All other program service revenue								
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f				145,476,975.				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts).			7,134,008.		116,253.	7,017,755.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds			0.				
	5 Royalties			0.				
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal					
		b Less: rental expenses						
		c Rental income or (loss)						
		d Net rental income or (loss)			0.			
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other					
		239,209,913.						
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		2,157,713.				
		243,761,419.						
	c Gain or (loss)		-2,157,713.					
	d Net gain or (loss)			-6,709,219.		-6,254.	-6,702,965.	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a						
		b Less: direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				0.				
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a							
	b Less: direct expenses	b						
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities			0.				
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a							
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b						
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			0.				
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code					
11a RISK WORKS			453220	457,984.		457,984.		
	b OUTSIDE CATERING		722320	97,265.		97,265.		
		c ALL OTHER REVENUE		711120	12,689.		12,689.	
	d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d				567,938.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions.				153,649,215.	141,534,180.	677,937.	4,257,585.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	0.			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	21,187,972.	21,187,972.		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0.			
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0.			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,951,592.	713,669.	1,064,802.	173,121.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.			
7 Other salaries and wages	63,249,252.	58,171,953.	3,626,217.	1,451,082.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	4,059,373.	3,644,655.	379,665.	35,053.
9 Other employee benefits	8,358,181.	7,504,284.	781,724.	72,173.
10 Payroll taxes	4,229,721.	3,797,600.	395,597.	36,524.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	0.			
b Legal	166,094.		166,094.	
c Accounting	307,736.		307,736.	
d Lobbying	0.			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	0.			
f Investment management fees	1,009,018.		1,009,018.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	1,525,712.	1,124,404.	319,620.	81,688.
12 Advertising and promotion	279,701.	269,200.	20.	10,481.
13 Office expenses	13,682,288.	11,983,666.	1,310,743.	387,879.
14 Information technology	5,821,166.	5,279,902.	456,577.	84,687.
15 Royalties	0.			
16 Occupancy	6,920,577.	1,682,421.	5,238,156.	
17 Travel	2,719,043.	2,462,293.	58,145.	198,605.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0.			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	0.			
20 Interest	3,935,515.	3,533,451.	368,081.	33,983.
21 Payments to affiliates	0.			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	10,515,578.	9,441,275.	983,500.	90,803.
23 Insurance	724,908.	724,400.	508.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a WORKS OF ART -----	732,147.	731,818.		329.
b OTHER RENTAL EXPENSES -----	865,139.	675,185.	127,656.	62,298.
c MAINTENANCE SERVICES -----	1,943,261.	1,290,263.	506,076.	146,922.
d DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS -----	328,293.	317,718.	6,104.	4,471.
e All other expenses -----	2,779,228.	2,002,159.	678,152.	98,917.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	157,291,495.	136,538,288.	17,784,191.	2,969,016.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)	0.			

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X.

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	22,013,444.	1	25,453,324.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	13,002,652.	2	9,007,772.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	2,897,894.	3	1,398,047.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	3,079,606.	4	3,439,291.
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0.	5	0.
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L	0.	6	0.
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	4,524,877.	7	4,027,828.
	8 Inventories for sale or use	1,492,116.	8	1,478,719.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,985,120.	9	1,211,619.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 383,057,764.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 181,071,604.	198,900,513.	10c 201,986,160.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	136,407,334.	11	132,090,413.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	188,547,238.	12	166,145,175.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0.	13	0.
	14 Intangible assets	0.	14	0.
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	20,071,154.	15	23,038,145.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	592,921,948.	16	569,276,493.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	9,767,003.	17	8,700,804.
	18 Grants payable	0.	18	0.
	19 Deferred revenue	6,404,484.	19	6,856,256.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	162,303,782.	20	158,253,907.
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0.	21	0.
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0.	22	0.
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0.	23	0.
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0.	24	0.
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	23,859,083.	25	21,340,470.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	202,334,352.	26	195,151,437.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	277,046,934.	27	268,148,956.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	69,340,182.	28	60,947,461.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	44,200,480.	29	45,028,639.
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	390,587,596.	33	374,125,056.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	592,921,948.	34	569,276,493.

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	153,649,215.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	157,291,495.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-3,642,280.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	390,587,596.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-11,968,731.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0.
7	Investment expenses	7	0.
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0.
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-851,529.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	374,125,056.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	X	
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.	X	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN	Employer identification number 05-0258956
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	8,514,731.	8,423,113.	9,550,572.	12,894,987.	7,161,271.	46,544,674.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0.
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3.	8,514,731.	8,423,113.	9,550,572.	12,894,987.	7,161,271.	46,544,674.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f).						3,799,186.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						42,745,488.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	8,514,731.	8,423,113.	9,550,572.	12,894,987.	7,161,271.	46,544,674.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	2,103,612.	4,731,876.	6,722,679.	6,688,470.	7,134,008.	27,380,645.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	1,129,612.	263,231.		94,917.	74,772.	1,562,532.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)		18,905.	22,118.		19,142.	60,165.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						75,548,016.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	653,760,101.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	56.58 %
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	58.27 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.
 If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b.						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6.						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ►

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations *(continued)*

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11 a	
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11 b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>	11 c	

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>	1	
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.</i>	2	

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>	1	

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?	1	
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>	2	
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>	3	

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):			
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (<i>see instructions</i>).			
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>	2a		
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>	2b		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>	3a		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>	3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970. **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Net short-term capital gain	1		
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3 Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4 Add lines 1 through 3	4		
5 Depreciation and depletion	5		
6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7 Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8		

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
a Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):			
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2		
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3		
4 Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4		
5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6 Multiply line 5 by .035	6		
7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8		

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1		
2 Enter 85% of line 1	2		
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3		
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4		
5 Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6		

7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013			
e From 2014			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013			
d Excess from 2014			
e Excess from 2015			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10

OTHER INCOME FOR 2012, 2013, AND 2015 - FUNDRAISING EVENTS

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

2015

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▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours _____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4a Was a correction made? Yes No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 70%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
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Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-														
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-														
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

Table with 3 main columns: (a) Yes/No, (b) Amount. Rows include: 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation...; a Volunteers?; b Paid staff or management...; c Media advertisements?; d Mailings to members...; e Publications...; f Grants to other organizations...; g Direct contact with legislators...; h Rallies, demonstrations...; i Other activities?; j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i; 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?; b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912; c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912; d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?; 2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?; 3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

Table with 2 main columns: Question, Amount. Rows include: 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members; 2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid); a Current year; b Carryover from last year; c Total; 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues; 4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?; 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

SEE PAGE 4

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

SCHEDULE C, PART II-B, LINE 1G, H, AND I

RISD PAYS MEMBERSHIP DUES TO A NUMBER OF ARTS-AND-EDUCATION-RELATED AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SOME OF WHICH MAY ENGAGE IN LOBBYING ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS. TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES PAID BY RISD DURING THE FISCAL YEAR WAS \$330,666. WE ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF THAT TOTAL DEVOTED TO LOBBYING, BUT WE BELIEVE IT TO BE A RELATIVELY SMALL AND IMMATERIAL PORTION.

A RISD EMPLOYEE DEVOTES A SMALL PORTION OF HER TIME TO PROMOTE RISD'S MISSION BY COMMUNICATING TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO ADVOCATE FOR LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY INITIATIVES THAT SUPPORT HIGHER EDUCATION AND RISD'S AGENDA.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No. 1545-0047

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year, 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located, 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?, 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenue included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X. 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items: a Revenue included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X.

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Schedule D (Form 990) 2015

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a Public exhibition
- b Scholarly research
- c Preservation for future generations
- d Loan or exchange programs
- e Other EDUCATION OF ARTISTS & DESIGNERS

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	324,954,472.	321,597,157.	298,532,484.	283,497,893.	304,478,607.
b Contributions	2,184,349.	6,119,731.	3,344,013.	1,829,515.	1,827,786.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-8,145,763.	12,626,450.	38,668,235.	28,464,383.	-4,647,750.
d Grants or scholarships	3,346,144.	3,141,377.	3,620,096.	2,469,703.	2,498,635.
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	11,202,308.	11,138,739.	14,358,116.	11,572,971.	14,660,280.
f Administrative expenses	1,009,018.	1,108,750.	969,363.	1,216,633.	1,001,835.
g End of year balance	303,435,588.	324,954,472.	321,597,157.	298,532,484.	283,497,893.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 69.3000 %
- b Permanent endowment 14.4000 %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment 16.3000 %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(ii) related organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		9,675,598.		9,675,598.
b Buildings		307,162,764.	125,448,003.	181,714,761.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		56,883,478.	50,938,058.	5,945,420.
e Other		9,335,924.	4,685,543.	4,650,381.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				201,986,160.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A) ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS	166,145,175.	FMV
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶	166,145,175.	

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) US GOVERNMENT LOAN FUNDS	2,780,825.
(3) INTEREST RATE SWAP	7,352,342.
(4) ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION	4,587,607.
(5) CAPITAL LEASE OBLIG - LONG-TERM	6,619,696.
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	21,340,470.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

COLLECTIONS OF ART, HISTORICAL TREASURES OR OTHER ASSETS

SCHEDULE D, PART III, LINE 1A

THE MAJORITY OF THE SCHOOL'S COLLECTIONS RESIDES IN THE MUSEUM AND CONSISTS OF ARTIFACTS OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, ART OBJECTS AND BOOKS THAT ARE HELD FOR EDUCATIONAL, RESEARCH AND CURATORIAL PURPOSES. EACH OF THE ITEMS ARE CATALOGUED, PRESERVED AND CARED FOR AND ACTIVITIES VERIFYING THEIR EXISTENCE AND ASSESSING THEIR CONDITION ARE PERFORMED PERIODICALLY. THE COLLECTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO A POLICY THAT REQUIRES PROCEEDS FROM THEIR SALES TO BE USED TO ACQUIRE OTHER ITEMS FOR COLLECTIONS. THE SCHOOL EXPENDED \$728,838 AND \$638,429 FOR ACQUISITIONS DURING THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015, RESPECTIVELY. THE SCHOOL SOLD COLLECTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,600 DURING THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND HAD NO SALES DURING THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015. THE SALES PROCEEDS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY REINVESTED IN THE COLLECTION.

SCHEDULE D, PART III, LINE 4

THE MUSEUM OF ART, ALSO KNOWN AS THE RISD MUSEUM, IS RHODE ISLAND'S LEADING MUSEUM OF FINE AND DECORATIVE ART, HOUSING A COLLECTION OF 95,300 OBJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE IN SEVEN CURATORIAL COLLECTIONS. IT IS SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND'S ONLY COMPREHENSIVE ART MUSEUM AND IS ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS. THE RISD MUSEUM STRIVES TO BE A VITAL CULTURAL RESOURCE BY EDUCATING AND INSPIRING A WIDE VARIETY OF AUDIENCES: FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS, SCHOLARS AND RESEARCHERS, ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS, AND STUDENTS OF ALL AGES. THE MUSEUM MAINTAINS AN ACTIVE PROGRAM OF EXHIBITIONS, LECTURES, TOURS, WORKSHOPS AND PUBLICATIONS DEDICATED TO THE INTERPRETATION OF ART AND DESIGN FROM DIVERSE CULTURES RANGING FROM ANCIENT TIMES TO THE PRESENT.

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

SCHEDULE D, PART V, LINE 4

THE INTENT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND IS TO GENERATE INVESTMENT EARNINGS AS A SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR FUNDING THE SCHOOL'S GENERAL OPERATING ACTIVITIES AND FOR FUNDING SPECIFIC PURPOSES, EITHER RESTRICTED BY DONORS OR INTERNALLY DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. EXAMPLES OF SPECIFIC PURPOSES INCLUDE SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS, FACILITIES UPKEEP, RESEARCH, AND SUPPORT FOR THE MUSEUM AND OTHER ACADEMIC OPERATIONS.

OTHER LIABILITIES

SCHEDULE D, PART X, LINE 2

THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN DOES NOT HAVE A FIN 48 (ASC 740) STATEMENT.

SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 2D

UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION ON SWAP VALUATION	\$(254,771)
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RISD HOLDINGS REVENUE NET OF ELIMINATING ENTRIES	\$699,927
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TOTAL SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 2D	\$445,156
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SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 4B SCHOLARSHIPS	\$21,187,972
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SCHEDULE D, PART XII, LINE 2D

RISD HOLDINGS EXPENSE NET OF ELIMINATING ENTRIES	\$1,981,198
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Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

SCHEDULE D, PART XII, LINE 4B

SCHOLARSHIPS \$21,187,972

**SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Schools

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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Employer identification number

05-0258956

Part I

	YES	NO
1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	X	
2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	X	
3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe. If "No," please explain. If you need more space, use Part II	X	
<u>SEE SUPPLEMENTAL PAGE</u>		
4 Does the organization maintain the following?		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	X	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	X	
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	X	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?	X	
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.		
5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a Students' rights or privileges?		X
b Admissions policies?		X
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?		X
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?		X
e Educational policies?		X
f Use of facilities?		X
g Athletic programs?		X
h Other extracurricular activities?		X
If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.		
6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	X	
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?		X
If you answered "Yes" to either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II.		
7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," explain on Part II	X	

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, lines 3, 4d, 5h, 6b, and 7, as applicable. Also provide any other additional information (see instructions).

SCHEDULE E, LINE 3

THE SCHOOL'S RACIALLY NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY CAN BE FOUND IN THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN CATALOG AND STUDENT HANDBOOK. THE POLICY CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.RISD.EDU/ABOUT/DIVERSITY](http://www.risd.edu/about/diversity).

SCHEDULE E, LINE 6

FINANCIAL AID IS RECEIVED FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE FORM OF FEDERAL COLLEGE WORK STUDY, FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANTS, FEDERAL PELL GRANTS, FEDERAL PERKINS LOANS, FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS AND FEDERAL PLUS LOANS WHICH ARE ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, THE COLLEGE RECEIVES FINANCIAL AID FROM VARIOUS STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES, E.G. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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Internal Revenue Service

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Employer identification number

05-0258956

Part I **General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1) EUROPE	1.	26.	PROGRAM SERVICES	INDEPENDENT STUDY	1,359,608.
(2) SOUTH ASIA		1.	PROGRAM SERVICES	INDEPENDENT STUDY	28,506.
(3) EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC		5.	PROGRAM SERVICES	INDEPENDENT STUDY	96,856.
(4) MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA		11.	PROGRAM SERVICES	INDEPENDENT STUDY	935,284.
(5) CENTRAL AMERICA/CARIBBEAN			INVESTMENTS		181,442,921.
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
3a Sub-total	1.	43.			183,863,175.
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	1.	43.			183,863,175.

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Schedule F (Form 990) 2015

Part II **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									
(8)									
(9)									
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									
(15)									
(16)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter. ▶ _____

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities. ▶ _____

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* Yes No
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; do not file with Form 990)* Yes No
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)* Yes No
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)* Yes No
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)* Yes No
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; do not file with Form 990)* Yes No

Part V Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

SCHEDULE F, LINE 3, COLUMN F

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN TRACKS EXPENSES FOR EACH INTERNATIONAL

PROGRAM USING SEPARATE ACCOUNT NUMBERS.

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

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Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Employer identification number

05-0258956

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2015)

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1 SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS	1,158.		21,187,972.	BOOK	TUITION/FEES
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

MONITORING USE OF GRANTS

FINANCIAL AID IS CREDITED TO THE STUDENTS' ACCOUNTS TO COVER ANY
 OUTSTANDING INSTITUTIONAL CHARGES. ANY CREDIT BALANCE IS REFUNDED TO THE
 STUDENT TO BE USED FOR OTHER EDUCATIONAL-RELATED EXPENSES. STUDENTS
 RECEIVING FEDERAL AND/OR STATE AID MUST COMPLETE THE FREE APPLICATION FOR
 FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA). BY SIGNING THE FAFSA, THE STUDENT AGREES
 THAT HE OR SHE "WILL USE FEDERAL AND/OR STATE STUDENT FINANCIAL AID ONLY
 TO PAY THE COST OF ATTENDING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION."

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
 - b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
 - c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
 - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
 - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		X
2	X	
3		
4a		X
4b		X
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7	X	
8		X
9		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2015

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 JEAN EDDY COO	(i)	325,996.	40,000.	9,589.	38,525.	12,893.	427,003.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
2 SAMUEL B. SOLOMON CFO	(i)	228,580.	10,000.	289.	26,689.	23,099.	288,657.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
3 PRADEEP SHARMA PROVOST	(i)	275,919.	0.	0.	28,525.	18,916.	323,360.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
4 JOHN W. SMITH MUSEUM DIRECTOR	(i)	252,705.	2,500.	326.	27,803.	9,659.	292,993.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
5 STEVEN J. MCDONALD GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	215,669.	2,500.	203.	23,634.	19,351.	261,357.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
6 CANDACE BAER VP HUMAN RESOURCES	(i)	196,382.	0.	203.	21,334.	23,448.	241,367.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 ANAIS A. MISSAKIAN DEPT. HEAD/ PROFESSOR	(i)	190,781.	0.	161.	22,631.	24,316.	237,889.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
8 PATRICIA PHILLIPS DEAN GRAD STUDIES(UNT 6/30/16)	(i)	162,813.	0.	0.	15,264.	431.	178,508.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
9 CAROL STROHECKER VICE PROVOST	(i)	160,991.	0.	0.	15,555.	8,604.	185,150.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
10 ROSANNE SOMERSON INT PRES(UNTIL 2/15)/PRESIDENT	(i)	456,121.	40,000.	13,403.	43,525.	23,586.	576,635.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
11	(i)							
	(ii)							
12	(i)							
	(ii)							
13	(i)							
	(ii)							
14	(i)							
	(ii)							
15	(i)							
	(ii)							
16	(i)							
	(ii)							

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

COMPENSATION INFORMATION

SCHEDULE J, PART I, LINES 1A AND 1B

HOUSING ALLOWANCE OR RESIDENCE FOR PERSONAL USE - THE SCHOOL PROVIDED A HOUSING ALLOWANCE IN 2015 TO PRESIDENT ROSANNE SOMERSON WHICH IS INCLUDED IN TAXABLE COMPENSATION. THIS IS REPORTED IN SCHEDULE J, PART II, COLUMN (B)(III).

HEALTH OR SOCIAL CLUB DUES - THE SCHOOL PAYS SOCIAL CLUB DUES FOR BUSINESS USE BY THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR AND THE COO. THESE AMOUNTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN TAXABLE COMPENSATION.

SCHEDULE J, PART I, LINE 7

ON OCCASION CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE A BONUS OR OTHER FORM OF NON-FIXED PAYMENT IN RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENT JOB PERFORMANCE, AS A SIGN-ON BONUS OR OTHER ONE-TIME PAYMENT. THE AMOUNT OF SUCH BONUSSES ARE SHOWN ON SCHEDULE J, PART II, COLUMN (B)(II).

**SCHEDULE K
(Form 990)**

Supplemental Information on Tax-Exempt Bonds

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Part VI.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Information about Schedule K (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**



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Part I Bond Issues

	(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(i) Pooled financing	
							Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
A	RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUC BUILDING CORP 2008AB	52-1300173	762197CG4	03/27/2008	93,780,000.	SEE PART VI		X		X		X
B	RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUC BUILDING CORP, 2012	52-1300173	762197KB6	03/28/2012	28,791,988.	2001 BOND REFUNDING		X		X		X
C	RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUC BUILDING CORP, 2012B	52-1300173	762197KZ3	08/29/2012	57,055,694.	2004D BOND REFUND		X		X		X
D												

Part II Proceeds

	A		B		C		D	
1 Amount of bonds retired	13,190,000.		2,700,000.		4,535,000.			
2 Amount of bonds legally defeased								
3 Total proceeds of issue	93,780,000.		28,791,988.		57,055,694.			
4 Gross proceeds in reserve funds								
5 Capitalized interest from proceeds								
6 Proceeds in refunding escrows								
7 Issuance costs from proceeds	692,102.		329,659.		446,745.			
8 Credit enhancement from proceeds	87,898.							
9 Working capital expenditures from proceeds								
10 Capital expenditures from proceeds	1,935,724.							
11 Other spent proceeds	91,064,276.		28,462,329.		56,608,949.			
12 Other unspent proceeds								
13 Year of substantial completion	2008		2012		2012			
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
14 Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?	X		X			X		
15 Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?		X		X	X			
16 Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?	X		X		X			
17 Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?	X		X		X			

Part III Private Business Use

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?		X						
2 Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?	X							

Part III Private Business Use (Continued)	TAX EXEMPT							
	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
3a Are there any management or service contracts that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
b If "Yes" to line 3a, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts relating to the financed property?								
c Are there any research agreements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
d If "Yes" to line 3c, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any research agreements relating to the financed property?								
4 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government ▶	.2000 %							
5 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government ▶								
6 Total of lines 4 and 52000 %							
7 Does the bond issue meet the private security or payment test?		X						
8a Has there been a sale or disposition of any of the bond-financed property to a nongovernmental person other than a 501(c)(3) organization since the bonds were issued?		X						
b If "Yes" to line 8a, enter the percentage of bond-financed property sold or disposed of								
c If "Yes" to line 8a, was any remedial action taken pursuant to Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?								
9 Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of the issue are remediated in accordance with the requirements under Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?	X							

Part IV Arbitrage								
	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate?		X		X		X		
2 If "No" to line 1, did the following apply?								
a Rebate not due yet?		X	X		X			
b Exception to rebate?	X			X		X		
c No rebate due?		X		X		X		
If "Yes" to line 2c, provide in Part VI the date the rebate computation was performed								
3 Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?	X			X		X		
4a Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?	X			X		X		
b Name of provider	BARCLAYS							
c Term of hedge	26.500							
d Was the hedge superintegrated?		X						
e Was the hedge terminated?		X						

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K (see instructions) *(Continued)*

PURPOSE OF BOND

SCHEDULE K, PART I, COLUMN F

A. 2008AB BOND - FACILITY AQUIS/CONST/EQUIP/RENOV; REFUNDING OF 2004A,
2004B, 2006A, AND 2006B BONDS.

SCHEDULE K, PART IV, LINE 2B, COLUMN A

BOND PROCEEDS WERE SPENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED SPENDING
REQUIREMENTS, THUS NO REBATE PORTION.

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art	X	422 .	0 .	
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications	X			
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	20 .	1,668,825 .	FMV
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (ATCH 1)		6 .	0 .	
26 Other ▶ ()				
27 Other ▶ ()				
28 Other ▶ ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29** 7 .

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?	X	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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Schedule M (Form 990) (2015)

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Part II **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE M, PART I, COLUMN B

THE ORGANIZATION IS REPORTING THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

SCHEDULE M, PART I, LINE 33

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN DOES NOT CAPITALIZE OR ASSIGN A VALUE TO ITS MUSEUM COLLECTIONS, BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS, OR TO ANY INSIGNIFICANT ITEMS RECEIVED. THESE ITEMS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED AS ASSETS NOR AS REVENUE ON THE SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. ALSO SEE DESCRIPTION FOR SCHEDULE D, PART III, LINE 4.

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

ATTACHMENT 1

SCHEDULE M, PART I - OTHER NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>(A) CHECK</u>	<u>(B) NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>(C) REVENUES REPORTED</u>	<u>(D) METHOD OF DETERMINING</u>
EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES	X	4.	0.	
EQUIPMENT	X	2.	0.	
TOTALS		<u>6.</u>	<u>0.</u>	

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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ORGANIZATION'S MISSION

FORM 990, PARTS I & III, LINE 1

THE MISSION OF RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN, THROUGH ITS COLLEGE AND MUSEUM, IS TO EDUCATE ITS STUDENTS AND THE PUBLIC IN THE CREATION AND APPRECIATION OF WORKS OF ART AND DESIGN, TO DISCOVER AND TRANSMIT KNOWLEDGE AND TO MAKE LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO A GLOBAL SOCIETY THROUGH CRITICAL THINKING, SCHOLARSHIP AND INNOVATION.

GOVERNING BODY AND MANAGEMENT

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 1A

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE AND EXERCISE ALL THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, EXCEPT FOR THE AUTHORITY TO AMEND, ALTER, OR REPEAL THESE BYLAWS; ELECT, APPOINT, OR REMOVE ANY OFFICER OF THE BOARD OR OF THE COLLEGE OR ANY MEMBER OF ANY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD; AMEND OR RESTATE THE COLLEGE'S ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION; ADOPT A PLAN OF MERGER OR A PLAN OF CONSOLIDATION WITH ANOTHER CORPORATION; AUTHORIZE THE SALE, LEASE, EXCHANGE, OR MORTGAGE OF ALL OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE PROPERTY AND ASSETS OF THE COLLEGE; AUTHORIZE THE VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION OF THE COLLEGE OR REVOKE PROCEEDINGS FOR SUCH DISSOLUTION; ADOPT A PLAN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASSETS OF THE COLLEGE; OR AMEND, ALTER, OR REPEAL ANY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD THAT BY ITS TERMS PROVIDES THAT IT SHALL NOT BE AMENDED, ALTERED, OR REPEALED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 7A

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BOTH RISD ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT FOR 2 YEARS AFTER TERM, SERVE AS EX-OFFICIO TRUSTEES.

WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

990 REVIEW PROCESS

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B

THE PROCESS FOR THE FY 2015 FORM 990 INCLUDES REVIEW BY SENIOR MANAGEMENT, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, AND THE INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL TAX CONSULTANTS. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE IS PRESENTED WITH A COMPLETE DRAFT OF THE RETURN FOR ITS REVIEW. THE FULL BOARD RECEIVES A FINAL COPY OF FORM 990 BEFORE IT IS FILED.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C

ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, THE SCHOOL'S TRUSTEES' OFFICE DISTRIBUTES A SURVEY TO ALL OF THE TRUSTEES AND SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS REQUESTING INFORMATION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY.

THERE ARE FOLLOW UP PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT SURVEYS ARE COMPLETED AND RETURNED FOR REVIEW. THE GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO TRUSTEES AND SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS BY RESPONDING TO ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, RESULTS OF THE COMPLETED SURVEYS ARE PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES AND GOVERNANCE, AND THEN TO BOTH OF THOSE COMMITTEES FOR FINAL REVIEW.

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IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL SURVEY, THE TRUSTEES AND SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY ADDITIONAL CONFLICTS THAT MAY ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR. PERIODIC REMINDERS ARE SENT OUT. FURTHER, WHENEVER ANY MATTER INVOLVING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON THE PART OF ANY TRUSTEE IS DISCUSSED OR PROPOSED FOR ACTION AT BOARD OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS, SUCH CONFLICT SHALL BE DISCLOSED TO OTHER TRUSTEES PRESENT, AND THE TRUSTEE HAVING SUCH CONFLICT SHALL NOT VOTE OR USE HIS OR HER PERSONAL INFLUENCE ON THE MATTER.

DOCUMENT RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 14

THE SCHOOL HAS A WRITTEN DOCUMENT RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY IN PLACE. THIS POLICY, HOWEVER, HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

COMPENSATION PROCESS

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15

THE SCHOOL'S PROCESS FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION FOR ITS OFFICERS (INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT) AND KEY EMPLOYEES INCLUDES:

1. PREPARING A DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITION AND REQUIREMENTS VIA A FORMAL JOB DESCRIPTION, JOB SUMMARY, OR ADVERTISEMENT.
2. DEVELOPING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE EXTERNAL MARKET FOR SIMILAR POSITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS VIA VARIOUS SOURCES SUCH AS: COMPENSATION SURVEYS (E.G., YAFFEE, SNE CUPA, THE SURVEY GROUP); OTHER ORGANIZATIONS'

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FORM 990 DATA; DIALOG WITH SEARCH FIRMS; AND KNOWLEDGE OF APPLICANT POOL AND CURRENT EARNINGS.

3. CONSIDERING THE EXTERNAL MARKET DATA LISTED ABOVE IN LIGHT OF INTERNAL OPERATING BUDGET AND INTERNAL EQUITY FACTORS.

4. UNDERSTANDING THE CANDIDATE'S PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AND SKILL SET AS RELATED TO THE POSITION'S REQUIREMENTS AND THE COLLEGE'S NEEDS.

5. ENGAGING AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT TO DETERMINE AND VERIFY REASONABLENESS OF THE COMPENSATION LEVELS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL.

6. PRESENTING A RECOMMENDED HIRING RANGE (OFFER) TO RISD'S OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR APPROVAL.

7. GENERATING AN OFFER LETTER OR CONTRACT.

RISD HAS A COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE COMMITTEE ASSISTS THE BOARD IN ESTABLISHING AND REVIEWING THE COMPENSATION OF RISD'S SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ON AN ONGOING BASIS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, THE VICE CHAIR(S) OF THE BOARD AND THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD, AND WILL BE ASSISTED BY THE SECRETARY, THE PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES, AND/OR THE GENERAL COUNSEL WHEN APPROPRIATE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE

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REVIEWS EACH INITIAL OFFER, EACH ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT, AND ANY OTHER ADJUSTMENTS. IN SO DOING, THE SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEWS CURRENT COMPARABLE DATA WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT AND DOCUMENTS ITS DECISIONS IN ITS MINUTES.

ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTS AVAILABILITY TO PUBLIC

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19

RISD MAKES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY POSTING THESE DOCUMENTS ON WWW.RISD.EDU AND ALSO BY REQUEST.

RECONCILIATION OF NET ASSETS

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9

UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION ON SWAP VALUATION: \$ (254,771)

TRANSACTION WITH SUBSIDIARY: \$ (596,758)

\$ (851,529)

ATTACHMENT 1

990, PART VII- COMPENSATION OF THE FIVE HIGHEST PAID IND. CONTRACTORS

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>
SHAWMUT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION 560 HARRISON AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02118	CONSTRUCTION SVCS	5,374,069.
SITE SPECIFIC LLC 45 DIKE STREET PROVIDENCE, RI 02909	CONSTRUCTION SVCS	2,213,464.
SUMMIT ROCK 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019	INVESTMENT MGMT	787,569.

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ATTACHMENT 1 (CONT'D)

990, PART VII- COMPENSATION OF THE FIVE HIGHEST PAID IND. CONTRACTORS

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>
LOMBARDI CONSTRUCTION CO. 13 OYSTER POINT WARREN, RI 02885	CONSTRUCTION SVCS	499,055.
ELLUCIAN INC. 4375 FAIR LAKES COURT FAIRFAX, VA 22033	SOFTWARE CONSULTING	416,142.

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN BUILDINGS LLC 05-0258956 2 COLLEGE STREET PROVIDENCE, RI 02903	REAL ESTATE	RI	25,648.	0.	RISD
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) RISD HOLDINGS INC 05-0508151 2 COLLEGE STREET PROVIDENCE, RI 02903	REAL ESTATE	RI	501(C)(25)		RISD	X	
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							

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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)												
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS (8)	FUNDRAISING	MA	N/A	TRUST					X
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

	Yes	No
1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?		
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	X	
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)		X
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)		X
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	X	
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)		X
f Dividends from related organization(s)		X
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)		X
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)		X
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)		X
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)		X
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	X	
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	X	
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)		X
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)		X
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	X	
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses		X
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	X	
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)		X
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	X	

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) RISD HOLDINGS, INC.	A	260,004.	CASH
(2) RISD HOLDINGS, INC.	D	5,200,000.	CASH
(3) RISD HOLDINGS, INC.	K	96,370.	CASH
(4) RISD HOLDINGS, INC.	O	105,525.	CASH
(5) RISD HOLDINGS, INC.	Q	585,850.	CASH
(6) RISD HOLDINGS, INC.	S	596,758.	CASH

Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V - UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).

SCHEDULE R, PART IV, LINE 1

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