

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

2013

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01, 2013, and ending 06/30, 2014

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Terminated, Amended return, Application pending. C Name of organization: FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, INC. D Employer identification number: 22-2995201. E Telephone number: (617) 423-4630. F Group Exemption Number.

G Accounting Method: Cash [X] Accrual Other (specify) H Check [X] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: WWW.BFIT.EDU

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - [X] 501(c)(3) 501(c)() (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: [X] Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I.

Table with 3 main sections: Revenue (lines 1-9), Expenses (lines 10-17), and Net Assets (lines 18-21). Includes sub-rows for detailed reporting like 5a-5c, 6a-6d, 7a-7c.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form 990-EZ (2013)

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

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

- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box
 - If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns. Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, INC.	Employer identification number (EIN) or 22-2995201
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 41 BERKELEY STREET	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. BOSTON, MA 02116	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 0 1

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

• The books are in the care of ▶ KEITH DROPKIN, 41 BERKELEY ST BOSTON, MA 02116

Telephone No. ▶ 617 588-1363 FAX No. ▶ _____

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ . If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 02/16, 2015, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 ▶ calendar year 20____ or
 ▶ tax year beginning 07/01, 2013, and ending 06/30, 2014.

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

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

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

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

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box **X**
- Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.
- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1).

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed).

Type or print <small>File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.</small>	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions.		Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions	
	FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, INC.		Employer identification number (EIN) or 22-2995201	
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 41 BERKELEY STREET		Social security number (SSN)	
City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. BOSTON, MA 02116				

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 0 1

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Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

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Telephone No. ► 617 588-1363 Fax No. ► _____
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ . If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until 05/15, 2015.

5 For calendar year _____, or other tax year beginning 07/01, 2013, and ending 06/30, 2014.

6 If the tax year entered in line 5 is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return
 Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension ADDITIONAL TIME IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO FILE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN.

8a If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	8a \$	0
8b If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.	8b \$	0
8c Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	8c \$	0

Signature and Verification must be completed for Part II only.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature ► *Robert J. Butler, Jr.* Title ► MANAGING DIRECTOR Date ► 02/09/2015

ROBERT J. BUTLER, JR.
GRANT THORNTON LLP
75 STATE STREET
BOSTON, MA 02109

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Form 990-EZ (2013) Part V questions 33-45b regarding organization activities, financial accounts, and controlled entities.

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I. 46 Yes No X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 47 Yes No X
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 48 X
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? 49a X
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? 49b
50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC), (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation. Row 1 contains 'NONE'.

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 0

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation. Row 1 contains 'NONE'.

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 0

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A. X Yes No

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: Anthony Bensit, President; Date: 5/11/15

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name: ROBERT J BUTLER JR.; Preparer's signature: [Signature]; Date: 5.7.15; Firm's name: GRANT THORNTON LLP; Firm's EIN: 36-6055558; Firm's address: 75 STATE STREET, BOSTON, MA 02109; Phone no.: 617-723-7900

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions X Yes No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2013

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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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Name of the organization

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, INC.

Employer identification number

22-2995201

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.)
- 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 that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III-Functionally integrated d Type III-Non-functionally integrated

e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

h 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 or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A) ATTACHMENT 1									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2013

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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2009, (b) 2010, (c) 2011, (d) 2012, (e) 2013, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2009, (b) 2010, (c) 2011, (d) 2012, (e) 2013, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12
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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 %
15 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2013. 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
b 33 1/3% support test - 2012. 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
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2013. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2012. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
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

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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2009, (b) 2010, (c) 2011, (d) 2012, (e) 2013, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 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; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 7c Add lines 7a and 7b; 8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6).

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2009, (b) 2010, (c) 2011, (d) 2012, (e) 2013, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b; 12 Other income; 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.

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

Table with 3 columns: Description, Value, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)). Value: 15, Percentage: %. Row 16: Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15. Value: 16, Percentage: %.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, Value, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)). Value: 17, Percentage: %. Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17. Value: 18, Percentage: %.

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2013. 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 - 2012. 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 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).

ATTACHMENT 1

SCHEDULE A, PART I - INFORMATION ABOUT SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

(I) NAME OF SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION	(II) EIN	(III) TYPE OF ORGANIZATION		(IV) YES NO		(V) YES NO		(VI) YES NO		(VII) AMOUNT OF SUPPORT
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	04-2103576	02		X		X		X		0
TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUPPORT										

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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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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Name of the organization

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, INC.

Employer identification number

22-2995201

ATTACHMENT 1

FORM 990EZ, PART III - ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE MISSION OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.