

A Brief Introduction to the Simons Foundation

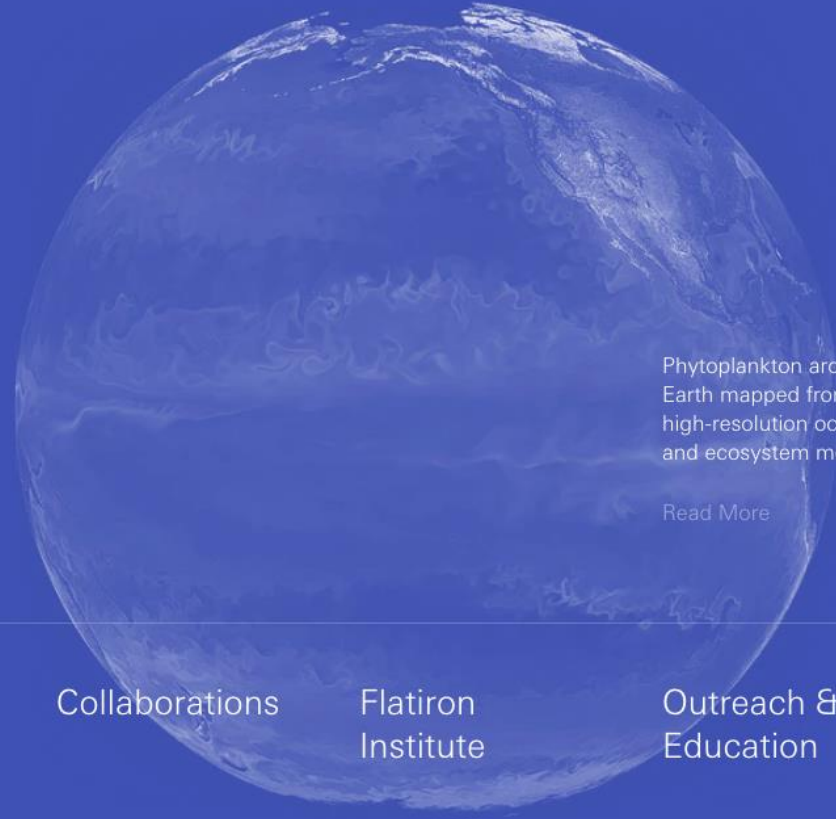
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Advancing the frontiers of research in mathematics and the basic sciences

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Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Life Sciences

Autism Research (SFARI)

Collaborations

Flatiron Institute

Outreach & Education

Funding Opportunities

Our grantmaking efforts focus on mathematical and physical sciences, life sciences and autism research.

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Simons Foundation

Research Grants

- Math & Physical Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Autism Research (SFARI)

Collaborations

- Origins of Life
- Global Brain
- Algorithms and Geometry
- Cracking the Glass Problem
- Mirror Symmetry
- Many Electron Problem
- Simons Observatory
- Ocean Processes & Ecology

Flatiron Institute

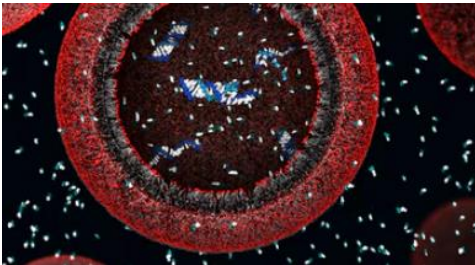
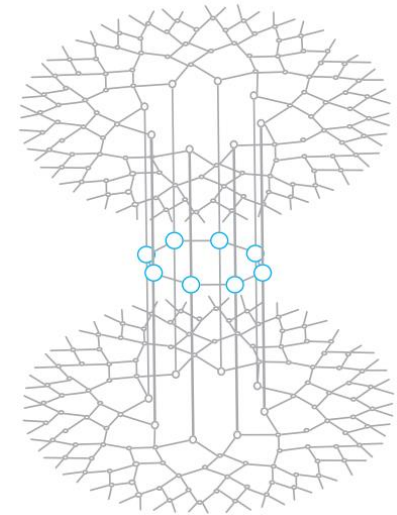
- Ctr. for Computational Astrophysics
- Ctr. for Computational Biology
- Ctr. for Computational Quantum Physics
- CCX
- Computing Core

Outreach & Education

- Science Sandbox
- Quanta
- SF Lectures
- Math for America
- Institutional Support
- Science Philanthropy Alliance

Research Grant Missions:

Math & Physical Sciences: The Mathematics and Physical Sciences (MPS) division, established in 2010, supports research in mathematics, theoretical physics and theoretical computer science, by providing funding for individuals, institutions, and science infrastructure.



Life Sciences: The division of Life Sciences seeks to advance basic research on fundamental questions in biology. The division currently focuses on origins of life, microbial oceanography, microbial ecology and evolution, and support of early career scientists.

Autism Research (SFARI): SFARI's mission is to improve the understanding, diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders by funding innovative research of the highest quality and relevance.



Key Statistics

Total Annual Expenditures		
	2017	2018
Flatiron	\$20,466,504	\$40,223,530
Grant-Making Program Grants	\$272,079,587	\$298,391,664
Grant-Making Program Expenses	\$41,350,630	\$51,805,629
Operating Expenses	\$32,901,058	\$46,539,197
TOTAL	\$366,797,779	\$436,960,020
Headcount		
	2017	2018
Flatiron	99	162
Grant Making	89	105
Admin	88	113
TOTAL	276	380

A Few Highlights for 2018

- NSF - Simons **MathBioSys** Initiative
- The **SCOPE Collaboration** will establish a comprehensive Database of Ocean Microbial Interactions.
- Simons **Observatory in Chile** will move strongly ahead.
- **Flatiron** will choose and establish its fourth and final unit.
- Release of two major movies: **The Most Unknown** will be screened at the Copenhagen Film Festival and released to the public. **The Eternal Sky** will also be released.

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