



ACCELERATING RESEARCH ON CONSCIOUSNESS

WE BELIEVE UNLIKELY COLLABORATORS CAN MAKE THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY DISCOVERIES

consciousness: a core aspect of human nature and fundamental to big questions regarding mental health, identity, selfhood, and ethics...

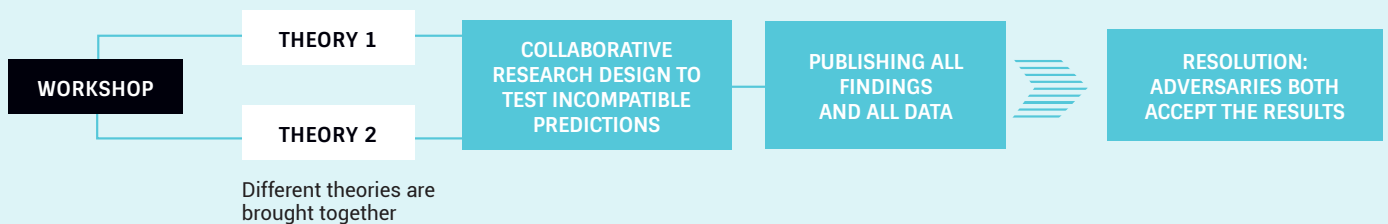
TRADITIONAL GRANTMAKING

Business as Usual



OUR APPROACH

Structured Adversarial Collaboration



HOW DOES IT WORK?

Our grantmaking process:

To accelerate progress in the field, we use a unique six-stage grant-development mechanism called **Structured Adversarial Collaboration**



STAGE 1

PLAN A WORKSHOP

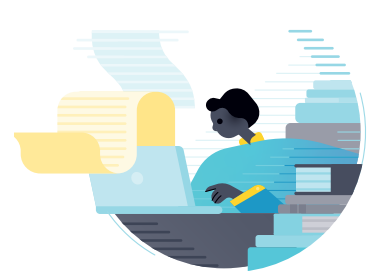
Distinguished scholars identify leading representatives of competing theories and invite them to a workshop.



STAGE 2

HOST A WORKSHOP

Intense discussions focused on designing a single experiment to test incompatible predictions that follow from competing theories.



STAGE 3

DESIGN AN EXPERIMENT

Experimental design is pre-registered with all parties committing to accepting the findings.



STAGE 4

REQUEST FUNDING FOR AN EXPERIMENT

Funding decisions are made by the Foundation's Trustees and depends on compliance with the Foundation's requirements and satisfactory peer review.



STAGE 5

CONDUCT THE EXPERIMENT

Research includes best practices in open science and may involve multiple methodological approaches and investigators.



STAGE 6

PUBLISH THE FINDINGS

A registered report is published regardless of the findings. The Foundation may provide additional support to raise the profile of significant findings.

WE SUPPORT A FAIR COMPETITION

PREREGISTRATION

The leaders of opposing theories agree upfront to accepting the results.

OPEN DATA SHARING

We promote data sharing according to the FAIR Principles.

SIMULTANEOUS REPLICATION

Independent laboratories collaborate to determine whether results are reliable.