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

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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.