

Our Grants and Investments

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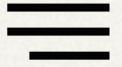
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Organization Name



Funding Type



Area of Interest



Date of Grant



Amount



Funding Stream



March 2022

SecureBio

We recommended a grant to support the hiring of several key staff for Dr. Kevin Esvelt's pandemic prevention work. SecureBio is working to implement universal DNA synthesis screening, build a reliable early warning system, and coordinate the development of improved personal protective equipment and its delivery to essential workers when needed.

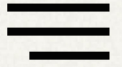
\$1,200,000



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April 2022

Future Fund



We recommended a grant to Cornell University to support Prof.

Levine, as well as students and collaborators, to work on alignment theory research at the Cornell math department.

\$1,500,000



Artificial Intelligence

May 2022

Institute for Progress

We recommended a grant to support the Institute's research and policy engagement work on high skilled immigration, biosecurity, and pandemic prevention.

\$480,000

progress.institute



Biorisk and Recovery from Catastrophe



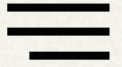
Economic Growth


May 2022


Prometheus Science Bowl

We recommended a grant to support a competition for work on Eliciting Latent Knowledge, an open problem in AI alignment, for talented high school and college students who are participating in Prometheus Science Bowl.

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 Artificial Intelligence


 Empowering Exceptional People

January 2022

HelixNano

We recommended an investment to support Helix Nano running preclinical and Phase 1 trials of a pan-variant Covid-19 vaccine.

\$10,000,000

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May 2022

Apollo Academic Surveys

We recommended a grant to support Apollo's work aggregating the views of academic experts in many different fields and making them freely available online.

\$250,000

apollosurveys.org

 Epistemic Institutions

May 2022

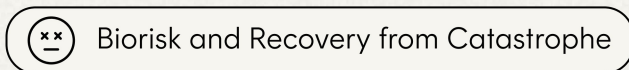
Future Fund



We recommended a grant to support the development of a cheap, scalable, and decentralized platform for the rapid generation of disease-neutralizing therapeutic antibodies.

\$1,550,000

bu.edu



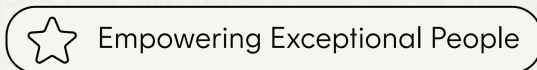
May 2022

Non-trivial Pursuits

We recommended a grant to support outreach to help students to learn about career options, develop their skills, and plan their careers to work on the world's most pressing problems.

\$1,000,000

non-trivial.org

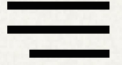


May 2022

Justin Mares, Biotech Researcher

We recommended a grant to support research on the feasibility of inactivating viruses via electromagnetic radiation.

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May 2022

Anysphere

We recommended an investment to build a communication platform that provably leaks zero metadata.

\$200,000

anysphere.co


May 2022

Rajalakshmi Children Foundation

We recommended a grant to support the identification of children in India from under-resourced areas who excel in math, science, and technology, and enable them to obtain high quality online education by digitally connecting them with mentors and teachers.

\$200,000

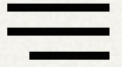
rajalakshmifoundation.in

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May 2022

Rav Amiad

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organization which will help identify top young students around the world through a free to use website consisting of both challenging math and physics olympiad-style problems and discussion forums. Efforts will be particularly focused across India and China. These students will later be connected to support and programs so they can go on to work on the world's most pressing issues.

\$300,000



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July 2022

Our World in Data

We recommended a grant over three years to support OWID's work producing high quality data and analysis of global trends like the rise in living standards and effects of COVID-19. This grant will specifically support work tracking trends that are relevant to humanity's long term prospects.

\$7,500,000



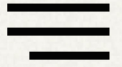
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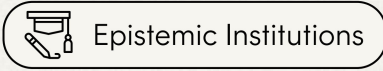
Global Priorities Institute

We recommended a grant to allow GPI to hire pre-docs and post-

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\$1,215,800



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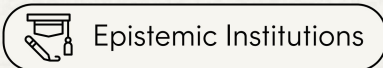
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Sherry Glied

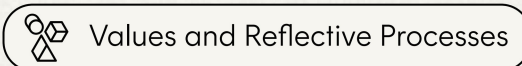
We recommended a grant to run two pilot studies in order to develop a platform that will allow policymakers to rapidly get reliable

estimates about important quantitative parameters to inform policy measures during times of crisis, like during a pandemic. The pilot will focus on evaluating the cost-benefit profile of non-pharmaceutical interventions during pandemics.

\$750,000



Epistemic Institutions



Values and Reflective Processes

June 2022

Long Term Future Fund

We recommended funding to support their longtermist grantmaking.

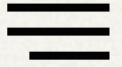
\$3,900,000



Effective Altruism

Future Fund

LEEP



We recommended a grant to an organization aiming to reduce childhood lead exposure and eliminate childhood lead poisoning worldwide.

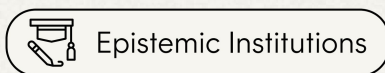
\$400,000

June 2022

Differential Projections

We recommended a grant to support the creation of a small research organization that will use probabilistic models to forecast important questions about the future, in particular involving transformative artificial intelligence.

\$250,000



Epistemic Institutions

August 2022

ALLFED

We recommended a grant to create a nuclear winter food scale-up plan which governments can adopt.

\$300,000



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Future Fund



August 2022

Longview Philanthropy

We recommended a grant to support Longview Philanthropy creating a longtermist coworking office in London.

\$2,939,775



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Effective Altruism

July 2022

Constellation

We recommended a grant to support 18 months of operations for a longtermist coworking space in Berkeley

\$3,900,000



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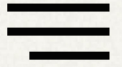


Effective Altruism

July 2022

Alignment Research Center

We recommended a grant to support researcher salaries, funding for contractors for evaluating AI capabilities, projects like the ELK prizes



Artificial Intelligence

April 2022

Legal Priorities Project

We recommended a grant to support the Legal Priorities Project's ongoing research and outreach activities. This will allow LPP to pay

two new hires and to put on a summer institute for non-US law students in Oxford.
\$480,000
legalpriorities.org

January 2022

Oded Galor, Brown University

We recommended a grant to support two years of academic research on long-term economic growth.

\$500,000

Economic Growth



Research That Can Help Us Improve

January 2022

Future Fund



We recommended a grant to support scholarships for talented and promising high school students to use towards educational opportunities and enrolling in a summer program.

\$5,000,000

atlasfellowship.org



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February 2022

Sherlock Biosciences

We recommended an investment to support the development of universal CRISPR-based diagnostics, including paper-based diagnostics that can be used in developing-country settings without electricity.

\$2,000,000

sherlock.bio



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March 2022

Rethink Priorities

We recommended a grant to support Rethink's research and projects aimed at improving humanity's long-term prospects.



April 2022

Claudia Shi, Academic CS Research at Columbia University

We recommended a grant to pay for research assistants over three years to support the work of a PhD student working on AI safety at Columbia University.

\$100,000

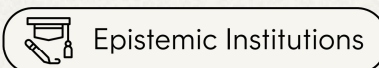


May 2022

Good Judgment Project

We recommended a grant to support a Good Judgment initiative to produce forecasts on 10 Our World in Data data sets/charts.

\$300,000



May 2022

Peter Hrosso, Researcher

We recommended a grant to support a project aimed at training

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\$230,000



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May 2022

Michael Jacob, MITRE

We recommended a grant to support research that we hope will be used to help strengthen the bioweapons convention and guide

proactive actions to better secure those facilities or stop the dangerous work being done there.

\$485,000



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May 2022

Michael Robkin

We recommended an investment to support the creation of Pretty Good PPE that is comfortable, storable, simple, and inexpensive. PGPPE aims to provide protection that is better than disposable masks and cheaper than both hazmat suits and N95s.

\$200,000



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Legal Priorities Project



This grant will support one year of operating expenses and salaries at the Legal Priorities Project, a longtermist legal research and field-building organization.

\$700,000

legalpriorities.org

June 2022

AI Safety Camp

We recommended a grant to partially support the salaries for AI Safety Camp's two directors and to support logistical expenses at its physical camp.

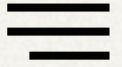
\$290,000



May 2022

Anca Dragan, UC Berkeley

We recommended a grant to support a project to develop interactive AI algorithms for alignment that can uncover the causal features in human reward systems, and thereby help AI systems learn underlying human values that generalize to new situations.



May 2022

Association for Long Term Existence and Resilience

We recommended a grant to support ALTER, an academic research and advocacy organization, which hopes to investigate, demonstrate, and foster useful ways to improve the future in the short term, and to safeguard and improve the long-term trajectory of humanity. The organization's initial focus is building bridges to academia via conferences and grants to find researchers who can focus on AI safety, and on policy for reducing biorisk.

\$320,000

alter.org.il



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May 2022

Manifold Markets

We recommended a grant to support Manifold Markets in building a charity prediction market, as an experiment for enabling effective forecasters to direct altruistic donations.



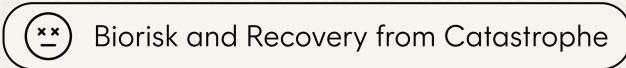
Epistemic Institutions

May 2022

Guoliang (Greg) Liu, Virginia Tech

We recommended a grant to support a project to develop a new material -- an ultra-thin polymer-based thin film -- for use in next-

generation Personal Protective Equipment which is both more effective and more comfortable.

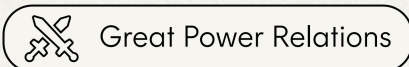
\$500,000

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April 2022

Stimson South Asia Program

We recommended a grant to support the identification and implementation of promising confidence-building measures to reduce conflict between India and Pakistan.

\$250,000

Great Power Relations

May 2022

Future Fund



We recommended a grant to support this student to spend a summer at the Future of Humanity Institute at Oxford University researching differential tech development and the connection between existential risks to humanity and economic growth.

\$7,500



Economic Growth



Research That Can Help Us Improve

May 2022

Giving What We Can

We recommended a grant to support Giving What We Can's mission to create a world in which giving effectively and significantly is a cultural norm.

\$700,000

givingwhatwecan.org



Effective Altruism

May 2022

Gabriel Recchia, University of Cambridge

We recommended a grant to support research on how to fine-tune GPT-3 models to identify flaws in other fine-tuned language models' arguments for the correctness of their outputs, and to test whether

Future Fund



\$380,000



Artificial Intelligence

April 2022

Simon Institute for Longterm Governance

We recommended a grant to support SI's policy work with the United Nations system on the prevention of existential risks to humanity.

\$820,000

simoninstitute.ch



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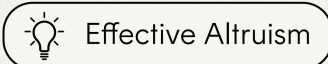
March 2022

Centre for Effective Altruism

We recommended a grant for general support for their activities, including running conferences, supporting student groups, and maintaining online resources.

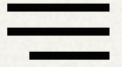
\$13,940,000

centreforeffectivealtruism.org



Effective Altruism

Future Fund



We recommended a grant to support the maintenance of a library of high-quality audio content on the world's most pressing problems, and a fund to provide productivity-enhancing equipment and support staff for people working on important social issues.

\$250,000



Effective Altruism

May 2022

Konstantinos Konstantinidis

We recommended a grant to support two years of research on the impacts of disruptive space technologies, nuclear risk, and mitigating risks from future space-based weapons.

\$85,000



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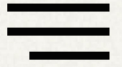


Space Governance

May 2022

AI Safety Support

We recommended a grant for general funding for community building and managing the talent pipeline for AI alignment researchers. AI Safety Support's work includes one-on-one coaching,



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Daniel Brown, University of Utah

We recommended a grant to support research on value alignment in AI systems, practical algorithms for efficient value alignment

verification, and user studies and experiments to test these algorithms.

\$280,000

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June 2022

Sergey Levine, UC Berkeley

We recommended a grant to support a project to study how large language models integrated with offline reinforcement learning pose a risk of machine deception and persuasion.

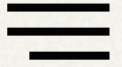
\$600,000

Artificial Intelligence

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National Animations

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on topics related to rationality and effective altruism to explain these topics for a broader audience.

\$400,000



Effective Altruism

February 2022

Lightcone Infrastructure

We recommended a grant to support Lightcone's ongoing projects including running the LessWrong forum, hosting conferences and events, and maintaining an office space for Effective Altruist organizations.

\$2,000,000

lightconeinfrastructure.com



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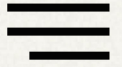
Effective Altruism

May 2022

Confirm Solutions

We recommended an investment in Confirm Solutions, a public-benefit corporation, to support development of statistical models and software tools that can automate parts of the regulatory process for

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enhancing their statistical rigor.

\$1,000,000



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April 2022

High Impact Athletes

We recommended a grant to support HIA's work encouraging

professional athletes to donate more of their earnings to high impact charities and causes, and to promote a culture of giving among their fans.

\$350,000

highimpactathletes.org



Effective Altruism

May 2022

High Impact Professionals

We recommended a grant to support HIP's work recruiting EA working professionals to use more of their resources, including their careers, to focus on the world's most pressing problems.

\$320,000



Empowering Exceptional People

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March 2022

Berkeley Existential Risk Initiative

We recommended a grant to support BERI in hiring a second core operations employee to contribute to BERI's work supporting university research groups.

\$100,000

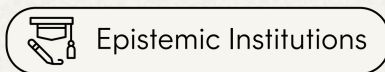
existence.org

June 2022

Nathan Young

We recommended a grant to support the creation of a website for collaboratively creating public forecasting questions for a range of prediction aggregators and markets.

\$182,000



Epistemic Institutions

April 2022

Bear F. Braumoeller, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University

We recommended a grant to support a postdoc and two research assistants for Professor Braumoeller's MESO Lab for two years to

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\$388,080

themesolab.com



Great Power Relations

March 2022

Siddharth Hiregowdara, AI Safety Introductory Materials

We recommended a grant to support the production of high quality materials for learning about AI safety work.

\$100,000



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February 2022

Longview

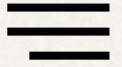
We recommended a grant to support Longview's independent grantmaking on global priorities research, nuclear weapons policy, and other longtermist issues.

\$15,000,000

longview.org

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Global Guessing



We recommended a grant to support Global Guessing's forecasting coverage on the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which they will also use to build tools and infrastructure to support future forecasting work.

\$336,000



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Great Power Relations

May 2022

Brian Christian, Author

We recommended a grant to support the completion of a book which explores the nature of human values and the implications for aligning AI with human preferences.

\$300,000

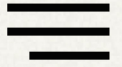


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May 2022

Sage

We recommended a grant to support the creation of a pilot version of a forecasting platform, and a paid forecasting team, to make predictions about questions relevant to high-impact research.



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EffiSciences

We recommended a grant to support EffiSciences's work promoting high impact research on global priorities (e.g. AI safety, biosecurity, and climate change) among French students and academics, and building up a community of people willing to work on important topics.

\$135,000

effisciences.org



Effective Altruism

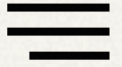
June 2022

1Day Sooner

We recommended a grant to support 1DS' work on pandemic preparedness, including advocacy for advance market purchase commitments, collaboration with the UK Pandemic Ethics Accelerator on challenge studies, and advocacy with 1Day Africa and the West African Health Organization for a global pandemic insurance fund.

\$350,000

1daysooner.org



May 2022

Cecil Abungu, Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, University of Cambridge

We recommended a grant to Cecil Abungu, Visiting Researcher at the Centre for the Study of Existential Risk and Research Affiliate at the Legal Priorities Project, to support the writing and publication of a book on longtermist currents in historical African thought.

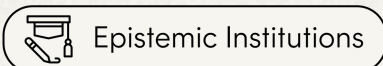
\$160,000

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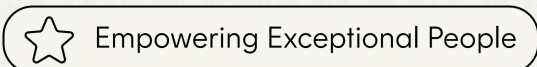
Luke Hewitt

We recommended a grant to support the development and application of a Minimum Viable Product of a data-driven approach to improving advocacy in areas of importance to societal well-being such as immigration policy.

\$150,000



Epistemic Institutions



Empowering Exceptional People

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This grant will support a project to develop new plastic surfaces incorporating molecules that can be activated with low-energy visible light to eradicate bacteria and kill viruses continuously. If successful, this project will change how plastic surfaces are currently decontaminated.

\$250,000

beatsresearch.com



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May 2022

Nikki Teran, Institute for Progress

We recommended a grant to support the creation of biosecurity policy priorities via conversations with experts in security, technology, policy, and advocacy. It will develop position papers, research papers, and agendas for the biosecurity community.

\$135,000



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May 2022

James Lin

We recommended a grant to allow a reputable technology

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\$190,000



Artificial Intelligence



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March 2022

The Center for Election Science

We recommended a grant to support the development of statewide ballot initiatives to institute approval voting. Approval voting is a simple voting method reform that lets voters select all the candidates they wish.

\$300,000

electionscience.org



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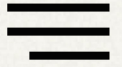
Values and Reflective Processes

May 2022

AVECRIS Pte. Ltd.

We recommended an investment in AVECRIS's Project DOOR to support the development of a next generation genetic vaccine platform that aims to allow for highly distributed vaccine production using AVECRIS's advanced DNA vector delivery technology.

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May 2022

Council on Strategic Risks

We recommended a grant to support a project which will develop and advance ideas for strengthening regional and multilateral cooperation for addressing biological risks and filling gaps in current international institutions. These efforts include promoting the creation of a center with the capacity to rapidly respond to emerging infectious disease threats to prioritize blunting the impact of such events as well as quickly saving lives, and cooperative mechanisms to enhance biosafety and biosecurity while reducing the potential risks of spaces such as high-containment laboratories.

\$400,000



Biorisk and Recovery from Catastrophe

January 2022

Effective Ideas Blog Prize

Longview Philanthropy and the Future Fund recommended a grant to support prizes for outstanding writing which encourages a broader public conversation around effective altruism and longtermism.

\$900,000

Future Fund



Values and Reflective Processes



Effective Altruism

Pathos Labs, PopShift

We recommended a grant to support Pathos Labs to produce a PopShift convening connecting experts on the future of technology and existential risks with television writers to inspire new ideas for their shows.

\$50,000



Values and Reflective Processes

May 2022

Piezo Therapeutics

We recommended an investment to support work on technology for delivering mRNA vaccines without lipid nanoparticles with the aim of making vaccines more safe, affordable, and scalable.

\$1,000,000



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