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A Scientific, Educational, and Institutional Framework for the Study of Consciousness

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Executive Summary

The Institute for Advanced Consciousness Studies (TIFACS) is a proposed independent organization dedicated to advancing the scientific study of consciousness through coordinated research, education, and public policy.

Research relevant to consciousness—including neuroscience, near-death experiences, children's reported past-life memories, remote viewing, anomalous cognition, quantum theories of consciousness, and unidentified anomalous phenomena—is currently dispersed across universities, private research organizations, government agencies, and independent investigators. Although significant work has been conducted within many of these disciplines, no single institution exists to organize this research within a common scientific and educational framework.

TIFACS is proposed to fill that gap.

Its mission is to encourage rigorous scientific investigation, establish research standards, support interdisciplinary collaboration, develop university-level educational programs, and provide policymakers with objective analyses concerning discoveries that may have broad scientific and societal implications.

The Institute is not intended to promote predetermined conclusions. Rather, it seeks to create an enduring institutional framework in which competing hypotheses can be examined openly, evidence can be evaluated objectively, and future discoveries can be investigated using established scientific methods.

The proposal outlines an initial organizational structure, a multidisciplinary Science Board, a long-term research roadmap, educational initiatives, and a series of Grand Challenges designed to guide future work in consciousness science. It also identifies opportunities for collaboration among universities, nonprofit research organizations, government institutions, and private philanthropy.

This proposal is submitted for scholarly review and constructive criticism. Readers are encouraged to evaluate the institutional framework presented here, identify weaknesses, recommend improvements, and suggest additional avenues of research or collaboration. Whether the hypotheses discussed in these pages are ultimately confirmed, modified, or refuted, the underlying premise remains the same: questions with potentially profound implications for science, education, public policy, and humanity's future deserve careful, transparent, and interdisciplinary investigation.

The objective of TIFACS is to help provide the institutional foundation through which that work can responsibly proceed.

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Abstract

This proposal presents the creation of The Institute for Advanced Consciousness Studies (TIFACS), a multidisciplinary organization designed to provide a coordinated scientific, educational, and policy framework for investigating frontier questions concerning consciousness, survival-related phenomena, nonlocal perception, remote viewing, reincarnation research, unidentified anomalous phenomena, and the possibility of nonhuman intelligence. Although research addressing these subjects exists across numerous scientific, medical, governmental, and academic disciplines, no single institution currently provides a comprehensive structure for integrating evidence, establishing research standards, developing educational programs, and assisting policymakers in evaluating their broader societal implications.

This proposal outlines an institutional model that brings together researchers, educators, policymakers, military and intelligence professionals, and public leaders through proposed Science Advisory Boards. It further presents a strategic research roadmap organized around a series of Grand Challenges, including the development of evidence standards, a Standard Model of Consciousness, global research archives, educational initiatives, governance frameworks, and interdisciplinary programs intended to encourage transparent, collaborative, and methodologically rigorous investigation.

The proposal is informed by the hypothesis that consciousness may extend beyond conventional biological models and that future scientific discoveries could substantially influence education, public policy, and humanity's understanding of its place in the universe. Rather than advocating predetermined conclusions, TIFACS proposes an enduring institutional framework through which such questions may be investigated responsibly, openly, and across disciplinary boundaries. Whether future research ultimately confirms, modifies, or refutes today's hypotheses, the proposal argues that questions with potentially profound implications for science and society deserve coordinated, evidence-informed, and internationally collaborative investigation.

Disclaimer

The individuals identified throughout this website as prospective members of the TIFACS Scientific Advisory Boards are presented solely as proposed participants whose expertise and public contributions align with the mission of The Institute for Advanced Consciousness Studies (TIFACS).

Unless expressly stated otherwise, their inclusion does **not** indicate that they have been contacted, have accepted an invitation to participate, or endorse TIFACS, its proposals, its publications, or its objectives. References to these individuals represent the vision presented in this proposal for the type of interdisciplinary expertise that could contribute to the organization if it is established.

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About TIFACS

The Institute for Advanced Consciousness Studies

The Institute for Advanced Consciousness Studies (TIFACS) is proposed as an independent organization to address one of the most important questions facing humanity: how should society respond to emerging discussions regarding consciousness, life after death, nonhuman intelligence, and the possibility that reality is far larger than previously understood? Rather than allowing these subjects to remain fragmented across disciplines, institutions, and public debate, TIFACS proposes a structured framework for research, education, and policy development.

TIFACS seeks to bring together leading consciousness researchers and experienced policymakers to examine these issues responsibly. The Science Board is tasked with organizing information, evaluating evidence, identifying research priorities, and helping build the educational framework necessary to explore these topics in a disciplined and transparent manner.

Policymakers face complex questions involving public communication, education, scientific funding, and long-term planning. While elected officials are responsible for governance and public policy, they rely upon subject-matter experts to provide informed analysis and recommendations. TIFACS creates a forum where scientists and policymakers can work together to evaluate challenges and identify practical responses.

A central principle of TIFACS is that scientists and policymakers should engage in continuous dialogue regarding organizational structure, research priorities, educational initiatives, and funding requirements. Scientists should be active and vocal advocates for responsible research and public education, while policymakers should help translate scientific findings into effective public policy. Together, they can create the institutional support necessary to advance this work responsibly and transparently.

Humanity may be entering a period in which long-standing assumptions about consciousness, intelligence, and reality are being challenged. As a society, we must determine how to study these developments, evaluate evidence, and prepare future generations for a broader understanding of our place in the universe.

This emerging knowledge may affect education, science, philosophy, religion, public policy, and international relations. New academic disciplines and research programs may be needed, including exopolitics, exobiology, advanced technology studies, consciousness science, and the study of dimensional or transitional mechanics. TIFACS seeks to help fund and develop the framework necessary for these fields to mature within established academic and research institutions.

TIFACS provides a framework for bringing these conversations into the public sphere with the least possible social disruption while encouraging responsible scientific inquiry and informed public discussion.

The question is no longer whether these subjects should be dismissed or ridiculed. The question is whether society can build a disciplined, ethical, university-level framework capable of studying them responsibly. TIFACS exists to help build that framework.

We believe universities, research centers, foundations, and responsible public institutions should begin preparing for a larger scientific and cultural reality. That preparation includes new academic programs, certified training,

interdisciplinary research, public education, and policy guidance designed to help humanity respond intelligently rather than fearfully.

This is a threshold moment. Humanity may be discovering that life, intelligence, and consciousness extend beyond boundaries previously assumed. If that proves to be true, the responsible response is not denial but study, preparation, and maturity.

TIFACS's mission is to help fund, organize, and advance the scientific and educational framework needed for that transition. Our goal is to help humanity understand its place within a larger living universe and prepare, with wisdom and discipline, to enter a broader galactic society.

Core Commitments

• Scientific Seriousness: Treat frontier consciousness research and nonhuman intelligence as subjects requiring disciplined investigation rather than ridicule or sensationalism.

• Institutional Responsibility: Create durable academic, research, and policy structures capable of helping society understand the implications of new discoveries.

• Human Preparation: Educate and train people for a future in which consciousness, identity, technology, and contact may be understood in broader terms.

• Public Purpose: Use knowledge to reduce fear, expand understanding, and help humanity respond to a larger reality with intelligence and ethical responsibility.

The Benefit of The Institute of Advanced Consciousness Studies (TIFACS.org) to National and Global Security

If you're thinking strategically, the question is less "What use is TIFACS to the CIA?" and more "What problem does TIFACS solve that existing institutions cannot easily solve on their own?"

A few observations:

The CIA's mission is not the same as TIFACS' proposed mission.
Intelligence agencies exist to collect, analyze, and act on information relevant to national security. Even if they have examined consciousness-related subjects, remote viewing, anomalous phenomena, or nonhuman intelligence in the past, their mandate is not public education, university curriculum development, global academic coordination, interfaith dialogue, or societal preparation.

Government institutions have structural limitations.
Intelligence agencies operate largely in classified environments. Universities operate in academic environments. Religious organizations operate in spiritual environments. Legislatures operate in political environments. One argument for TIFACS is that it attempts to create a civilian forum where these domains can communicate without being constrained by the mission of any single institution.

Organizations are usually tolerated when they provide value.
Historically, governments often ignore, cooperate with, critique, or compete with outside organizations depending on whether they perceive them as useful, credible, threatening, or irrelevant. The more an organization is seen as contributing serious research, public understanding, educational development, or policy analysis, the easier it becomes to justify its existence.

The strongest protection is credibility.
If TIFACS is viewed as:

academically serious,

methodologically rigorous,

politically nonpartisan,

transparent about evidence and uncertainty,

and focused on education and research,

then it becomes much harder to dismiss as fringe or adversarial.

A potential value proposition.
If TIFACS were to succeed, one could argue that it serves as a civilian "thinking space" where difficult questions about consciousness, disclosure, public preparedness, and long-term societal implications can be explored openly. Governments often have difficulty conducting those discussions publicly because of political, legal, and bureaucratic constraints.

The larger strategic issue may not be how to "circumvent" an intelligence agency. Rather, it may be how to define TIFACS so that it is perceived as complementary rather than competitive.

If an institution believes:

"They are trying to expose us,"
that creates one dynamic.

If an institution believes:

"They are helping society think through questions we are not structured to address,"
that creates a very different dynamic.

For a proposal like this, long-term viability is probably more dependent on credibility, transparency, and usefulness than on confrontation. An organization that can produce high-quality research standards, educational frameworks, policy analysis, and public communication models may be seen as filling a gap that neither government, academia, nor private organizations are currently filling on their own.

That is where I would focus the strategic argument: not that TIFACS knows something government agencies do not, but that TIFACS addresses societal, educational, and institutional questions that government agencies are not designed to solve. So these institutions would benefit from the creation of TIFACS because they would have

Additional resources that TIFACS would provide

TIFACS could function as a force multiplier by expanding the number of trained researchers, developing standardized educational pathways, creating long-term research roadmaps, reducing unnecessary duplication across institutions, and providing governments and universities with an independent source of scientific expertise that complements rather than competes with existing capabilities.

Intelligence operations having the resources, research and infrastructure to call on when their needs are not met by their own resources.

Removing redundancies in multiple intelligence operations thereby expanding ability and reach.

Proposed TIFACS Science Board Biographical Profiles and Individual Mandates

Stephan A. Schwartz-Chairman of the Science Board

Stephan A. Schwartz is an American consciousness researcher, futurist, author, and social trends analyst whose work has explored the relationship between consciousness, intuition, and social transformation for more than five decades. He is widely recognized for pioneering experiments involving remote viewing, intuition research, and consciousness studies, particularly in archaeological applications and nonlocal awareness experiments.

Schwartz has been affiliated with several research organizations and educational institutions focused on human potential and consciousness science. He is also known as the editor and publisher of the Schwartz Report, a publication examining long-term trends in science, culture, politics, and environmental change. His work often emphasizes the importance of sustainability, compassion, and collective consciousness in shaping humanity's future.

MANDATE: Stephan's job is to serve as Chairman of the Science Board and chief organizer of the TIFACS scientific mission. He will recruit researchers, advisors, educators, institutional partners, and supporters capable of addressing the central problems identified by TIFACS. Through the Schwartz Report and his professional network, he will publicize the effort, build credibility, and help assemble a working team. He will coordinate the Science Board, establish priorities, keep the organization focused on evidence-based outcomes, and ensure that the work remains interdisciplinary, serious, and publicly understandable. He will also work with Robert Bigelow and other supporters to help secure the institutional and financial structure needed to sustain the research and begin by calling on the Arizona billionaires listed in the appendix.

Dean Radin

Dean Radin is an American researcher, author, and Chief Scientist at the Institute of Noetic Sciences, where he has spent decades studying consciousness and psi phenomena. Trained in engineering and psychology, Radin earned advanced degrees in electrical engineering and a PhD in psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Before entering consciousness research full time, he worked at institutions including Bell Laboratories, Princeton University, and SRI International.

Radin is best known for experimental research involving telepathy, presentiment, intention, and mind-matter interaction. His studies examine whether consciousness can influence physical systems or obtain information beyond ordinary sensory perception. He has authored several widely known books, including The Conscious Universe, Entangled Minds, and Real Magic, which explore the scientific implications of consciousness-related phenomena.

MANDATE: Dean's job is to serve as chief scientific coordinator for TIFACS research. He will interface with the scientists who lead the individual projects, help establish experimental standards, review evidence quality, and coordinate research design across the organization. He will assist in developing protocols for psi research, remote viewing, nonlocal perception, consciousness survival, and related fields. His responsibility is to make sure the separate research programs can be compared, replicated, published, and integrated into a coherent scientific body of work.

Stuart Hameroff

Dr. Stuart Hameroff is an American anesthesiologist, professor, and consciousness researcher best known for developing the Orch-OR theory of consciousness with physicist Sir Roger Penrose. Hameroff studied medicine at Hahnemann Medical College before joining the University of Arizona, where he became a professor of anesthesiology and psychology and later director of the Center for Consciousness Studies.

Hameroff's research focuses on the possibility that consciousness originates from quantum processes occurring within microtubules inside brain neurons. The Orch-OR, or Orchestrated Objective Reduction, theory proposes that consciousness is linked to quantum-level events rather than arising solely from classical neural activity. The theory has become one of the most discussed and controversial ideas in modern consciousness science.

MANDATE: Stuart's job is to build the scientific and educational framework for the next generation of consciousness researchers. He will help define the theoretical foundation for TIFACS, connect consciousness science with university-level instruction, and assist in creating curriculum standards for formal education. Working with Allyn Evans and The Monroe Institute, he will help shape the academic pathway for Gateway Process training. He will also work with Robert Bigelow and other supporters to help secure the institutional and financial structure needed to sustain the research and begin by calling on the Arizona billionaires listed in the appendix.

Robert Bigelow

Robert T. Bigelow is an American entrepreneur, aerospace innovator, and philanthropist whose career has been distinguished by a willingness to explore questions at the frontiers of science, technology, and human understanding. As the founder of Bigelow Aerospace, he pioneered the development of expandable space habitat technology, advancing concepts that have influenced the future of long-duration human presence in space. His work helped demonstrate the viability of innovative approaches to space infrastructure and earned recognition throughout the aerospace community.

Beyond his accomplishments in aerospace, Bigelow has devoted substantial resources to the investigation of consciousness, survival-related research, and anomalous human experiences. Through the establishment of the Bigelow Institute for Consciousness Studies (BICS), he sponsored one of the largest privately funded research initiatives focused on the question of consciousness survival after bodily death. The institute's international essay competition attracted scholars, scientists, physicians, and researchers from around the world, helping to stimulate serious academic discussion on one of humanity's oldest and most profound questions.

Bigelow's unique combination of entrepreneurial success, scientific curiosity, and long-term commitment to frontier research makes him particularly well suited for service on the TIFACS Science Board. He brings practical experience in building organizations, funding innovative research, and supporting investigations that challenge conventional assumptions while maintaining intellectual rigor.

His perspective would contribute significantly to TIFACS' mission of advancing the scientific study of consciousness, human potential, and related frontier phenomena. By combining visionary leadership with a demonstrated commitment to evidence-based inquiry, Robert Bigelow represents the type of interdisciplinary thinker capable of helping guide TIFACS as it explores questions with potentially transformative implications for science and society.

MANDATE: Robert's job is to serve as Monetary Liaison and lead the financial effort required to build TIFACS. He will assist in contacting major donors, Arizona philanthropists, foundations, business leaders, and others capable of funding frontier consciousness research. His responsibility is to help create the financial structure needed for research, education, staffing, conferences, publications, and public outreach. Because Arizona already contains important consciousness research resources, his role is to help organize funding around a cohesive and serious response to the problems TIFACS was created to address. With the help of Stephan Schwartz, who has fund raising experience with Trammel Crow, and Stuart Hammeroff they should be able to access the Arizona billionaires to solicit funding for the University of Arizona Consciousness Center and political support through Arizona Senator and astronaut Mark Kelly.

Allyn Evans

Allyn Evans is an organizational leader associated with consciousness education, transformational learning, and nonprofit leadership. She is best known for her work with the Monroe Institute, an organization founded by Robert Monroe that focuses on meditation, expanded states of awareness, and consciousness exploration. Evans has served in leadership roles connected to the Institute's strategic development and educational outreach.

The Monroe Institute became internationally recognized for developing Hemi-Sync audio technology and the Gateway Experience programs, which are designed to support meditation, altered states of consciousness, and personal growth. Through leadership figures such as Evans, the organization has continued expanding its residential programs, online learning initiatives, and collaborations with researchers interested in consciousness studies.

Evans has participated in organizational planning, program development, and public engagement related to consciousness exploration and human potential. Her work emphasizes practical applications of meditation, self-development, and expanded awareness for personal and societal transformation. She has also supported efforts to make consciousness education more accessible through conferences, workshops, and educational partnerships.

MANDATE: Allyn's job is to work with Stuart Hameroff and The Monroe Institute to create a college-level course teaching the Gateway Process. She will help convert Monroe's experiential methods into a structured academic curriculum with learning objectives, certification standards, instructor training, research documentation, and university partnership models. Her goal is to make Gateway education available in a responsible and scalable way while preserving the integrity of the Monroe Institute's methods. This work should support both personal development and the creation of trained researchers capable of participating in TIFACS projects.

Joe McMoneagle

Joseph W. “Joe” McMoneagle is widely recognized as one of the most prominent figures in the history of remote viewing and consciousness research. A retired U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer, McMoneagle served for more than twenty years in military intelligence and became known as “Remote Viewer No. 001” during the U.S. government's classified Stargate Program, a project that explored the potential use of anomalous perception for intelligence gathering.

Following his military career, McMoneagle continued his work in consciousness studies, becoming an internationally known lecturer, trainer, and author. He has written several influential books, including Mind Trek, Remote Viewing Secrets, The Stargate Chronicles, and The Ultimate Time Machine, which examine consciousness, perception, and the practical applications of remote viewing.

McMoneagle has been closely associated with the Monroe Institute for decades, where he has taught remote viewing programs and contributed to the Institute’s educational mission. His work has helped introduce thousands of students to structured methods of intuitive perception and expanded states of awareness.

MANDATE: Joe's job is to lead the operational remote-viewing component of TIFACS. He will establish training standards, target protocols, evaluation methods, and disciplined reporting procedures based on lessons learned from military and civilian remote-viewing programs. He will help create the Clairvoyant Space Corps and train participants to work responsibly on historical targets, scientific questions, contact efforts, and nonlocal information-gathering projects. His role is to ensure that remote viewing is treated as a serious discipline requiring practice, documentation, ethics, and careful evaluation.

Nancy H. McMoneagle

Nancy H. McMoneagle is an accomplished researcher, educator, and consciousness explorer whose work has been closely linked with the development of the Monroe Institute. As a former director of research and a long-time contributor to Monroe's scientific programs, she has played an important role in advancing investigations into altered states of consciousness, out-of-body experiences, and human potential.

Raised within the Monroe Institute community, Nancy became involved with consciousness research through her association with founder Robert A. Monroe and the Institute's pioneering efforts to explore expanded awareness. Over the years, she has helped coordinate research initiatives, educational programs, and collaborations designed to examine the practical and transformative effects of consciousness exploration.

Nancy is also recognized for her work supporting remote viewing research and training. Together with her husband, Joe McMoneagle, she has contributed to the preservation and development of methodologies that emerged from both military and civilian investigations into anomalous cognition. Her interests span consciousness studies, intuition, creativity, healing, and the relationship between subjective experience and scientific inquiry.

Throughout her career, Nancy has advocated for a balanced approach that combines experiential exploration with careful documentation and research. Her work reflects the Monroe Institute's broader mission of investigating consciousness through both personal experience and scientific study. As an educator and researcher, she has helped shape one of the world's most recognized organizations dedicated to the exploration of human consciousness and its untapped potential.

MANDATE: Nancy's job is to oversee documentation, participant support, quality control, and research integrity for TIFACS consciousness programs. She will help design systems for collecting session reports, preserving data, evaluating participant progress, and protecting those involved in altered-state and remote-viewing work. She will also assist in creating research protocols that combine experiential exploration with careful recordkeeping. Her responsibility is to ensure that the human side of the work is handled responsibly while producing records useful for later analysis, comparison, and publication.

Thomas Campbell

Thomas Campbell is a physicist, consciousness researcher, author, and lecturer best known for his work exploring the relationship between consciousness, reality, and information theory. Trained as a physicist, Campbell spent much of his professional career working within advanced technology and defense-related systems while simultaneously pursuing research into the nature of consciousness and human awareness.

During the 1970s, Campbell worked closely with Robert A. Monroe at the Monroe Institute, where he participated in pioneering investigations into altered states of consciousness, out-of-body experiences, and expanded awareness. His collaboration with Monroe helped shape many of the foundational concepts that would later influence his own theoretical work.

Campbell is the author of the influential trilogy My Big TOE (Theory of Everything), which proposes that consciousness is the fundamental reality from which the physical universe emerges. Drawing upon concepts from physics, information theory, and experiential research, Campbell argues that reality can be understood as a large information system in which consciousness plays the primary role. His work seeks to bridge scientific inquiry and subjective experience within a unified conceptual framework.

MANDATE: Thomas's job is to help build the theoretical model connecting consciousness, information theory, nonlocal perception, reincarnation, remote viewing, and the larger structure of reality. He will work with other scientists to develop concepts that can organize TIFACS research into a coherent framework rather than a collection of separate claims. His responsibility is to help define testable predictions, clarify terminology, and

explain how consciousness may operate as a fundamental feature of reality. This theoretical work should support the eventual development of a Standard Model of Consciousness.

Michael Salla

Dr. Michael Salla is an author, researcher, and former academic best known for his work in exopolitics, a field examining the political and social implications of extraterrestrial life and alleged contact with nonhuman intelligences. Born in Australia, Salla earned a PhD in government from the University of Queensland and taught international politics and conflict resolution before focusing on exopolitical research.

Salla became widely known through his books, lectures, and online publications concerning UFO disclosure, secret space programs, and alleged government secrecy related to extraterrestrial phenomena. He is the founder of Exopolitics.org, a platform dedicated to exploring the intersection of UFO phenomena, international politics, and consciousness.

MANDATE: Mike's job is to develop the TIFACS Exopolitical Standard and to catalog the different reported alien species and nonhuman intelligences. He will create a classification system for contact types, reported species, political implications, historical claims, disclosure issues, and possible governance concerns. His work should produce an exopolitical reference manual that allows researchers and policymakers to discuss these issues using consistent terms and categories. He will also help TIFACS evaluate how confirmed contact would affect diplomacy, education, religion, national security, and humanity's place in a larger cosmic society.

Jerry Kroth

Dr. Jerry Kroth is an American psychologist, author, educator, and independent researcher known for his work in social psychology, political analysis, and alternative perspectives on historical events. He earned his doctorate in psychology and served for many years as a professor of psychology at Santa Clara University, where he taught courses related to personality, human behavior, and social dynamics.

Kroth has written extensively on politics, media influence, intelligence operations, and controversial historical subjects. Over time, he became known for exploring alternative interpretations of major public events and questioning official narratives involving political assassinations, covert activities, and government secrecy. His work often combines psychological analysis with historical and political commentary.

Across his career, he has sought to apply psychological insight to understanding both individual and societal behavior. His work spans education, authorship, public commentary, and research into political and cultural issues.

MANDATE: Jerry's job is to attack and solve the crop-circle issue. He will lead the TIFACS Crop Circle Research Initiative by developing investigative standards, cataloging formations, evaluating physical evidence, identifying recurring symbolic or mathematical patterns, and distinguishing likely human hoaxes from formations that may require another explanation. He will examine whether crop circles could function as a communication system and propose a responsible method for TIFACS to attempt contact through a short, verifiable message. His goal is to determine whether the phenomenon contains evidence of nonhuman intelligence.

Lue Elizondo

Luis “Lue” Elizondo is a former U.S. Army counterintelligence officer and national security professional best known for his role in advancing public and governmental awareness of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP). During a career spanning more than two decades in military intelligence and defense operations, Elizondo served in a variety of

sensitive assignments supporting U.S. national security interests, including counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and strategic threat assessment.

Elizondo gained international recognition through his association with the Department of Defense's Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), an effort focused on evaluating reports and data concerning anomalous aerial encounters. Following his government service, he became a prominent advocate for greater scientific inquiry, transparency, and responsible governmental engagement regarding UAP-related information. His work has helped stimulate renewed public discussion, congressional interest, and institutional examination of phenomena that challenge conventional assumptions about aerospace technology, intelligence collection, and human understanding of reality.

As a member of the TIFACS Science Board, Elizondo would bring a unique perspective at the intersection of national security, intelligence analysis, emerging technologies, and the study of anomalous phenomena. His experience evaluating unconventional data sources and assessing potential strategic implications aligns with TIFACS's mission to explore frontier questions involving consciousness, nonlocal phenomena, and humanity's evolving understanding of its place in a broader reality.

Elizondo's commitment to evidence-based investigation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and informed public dialogue would contribute significantly to TIFACS's efforts to bridge scientific research, public policy, and societal preparedness for transformative discoveries concerning consciousness and the nature of human experience.

MANDATE: Lue's job is to serve as the liaison between TIFACS, government institutions, defense professionals, intelligence analysts, and national-security stakeholders. He will help evaluate UAP-related information, disclosure risks, anomalous data, and the broader security implications of nonhuman intelligence. His role is not to sensationalize the subject, but to help TIFACS approach it with discipline, caution, and public responsibility. He will assist in developing protocols for evidence review, government communication, public preparedness, and responsible disclosure if transformative findings emerge.

Mark Kelly

Mark Kelly is a former naval aviator, combat veteran, astronaut, engineer, and public servant whose career has spanned military service, space exploration, scientific advancement, and national leadership. He currently serves as the United States Senator representing the State of Arizona.

Kelly earned degrees in marine engineering and aeronautical engineering before joining the United States Navy, where he became a carrier-based combat pilot and later a naval test pilot. During his military career, he accumulated thousands of flight hours in high-performance aircraft and participated in numerous operational deployments, demonstrating expertise in advanced aerospace systems and mission leadership.

In 1996, Kelly was selected as an astronaut by National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Over the course of four Space Shuttle missions, he served as both pilot and commander, helping lead complex scientific and engineering operations in Earth orbit. His missions contributed to the construction and support of the International Space Station, one of humanity's most ambitious international scientific collaborations.

Kelly's unique combination of military, aerospace, engineering, and governmental experience provides a broad perspective on complex scientific and societal challenges. His lifelong commitment to exploration, discovery, and public service has made him a respected voice on issues involving science, technology, national security, and the future direction of human advancement.

MANDATE: Mark's job is to serve as Political Liaison and public-policy advisor for TIFACS. His background as a naval aviator, astronaut, engineer, and United States Senator makes him well suited to help translate

complex scientific ideas into policy language that government officials can understand. He will assist in building relationships with elected officials, universities, federal agencies, aerospace leaders, and scientific institutions. His responsibility is to help TIFACS become credible in public life and to guide the policy pathway for education, funding, national preparedness, and responsible disclosure.

Tim Burchett

Tim Burchett has served as the U.S. Representative for Tennessee's 2nd Congressional District since 2019. Before his election to Congress, he served as Mayor of Knox County and as a member of the Tennessee State Senate and State House of Representatives. Throughout his public career, Burchett has built a reputation for independence, fiscal accountability, and a willingness to question established government narratives when he believes greater transparency serves the public interest.

In recent years, Burchett has become one of Congress's most recognized voices advocating for increased government transparency regarding unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP). He has consistently called for greater public disclosure of information held by federal agencies and has argued that Congress has a responsibility to ensure appropriate oversight of programs related to unexplained aerial phenomena. His willingness to address controversial subjects has earned him recognition among both supporters and critics as an advocate for open government.

Within TIFACS, Burchett's experience provides an important bridge between emerging scientific research and public policy. His understanding of congressional oversight, combined with his interest in transparency concerning UAP-related issues, makes him well suited to help communicate scientific findings to elected officials while encouraging responsible government engagement with new discoveries. His participation would reinforce TIFACS's commitment to evidence-based inquiry conducted within an accountable democratic framework.

Mandate: **Representative Burchett's primary responsibility would be to establish productive relationships between TIFACS and members of Congress, ensuring that emerging research in consciousness studies, UAP investigations, and related scientific fields is presented in a credible, bipartisan, and policy-relevant manner. He would advise the Institute on congressional processes, oversight mechanisms, and legislative opportunities that could support responsible scientific research while maintaining transparency and public trust.**

His mandate would include developing educational briefings for legislators and congressional staff; identifying areas where existing government research may benefit from independent scientific collaboration; promoting appropriate declassification of historical records when national security considerations permit; and helping formulate policy recommendations that balance scientific openness with legitimate security concerns.

Burchett would also serve as TIFACS's principal advisor on government engagement, ensuring that the Institute remains politically nonpartisan while effectively communicating with policymakers across the political spectrum. His role would be to strengthen the dialogue between scientists, legislators, and the public so that discoveries concerning consciousness, human potential, and unexplained phenomena are evaluated through rigorous evidence, thoughtful oversight, and responsible public policy.

Intelligence and Behavioral Analysis Representation on a Science Board

The Central Intelligence Agency is responsible for collecting, analyzing, and assessing foreign intelligence to support national security decision-making. Throughout its history, the Agency has employed specialists in human behavior, information analysis, strategic communications, perception management, and the study of how individuals and groups

process information under conditions of uncertainty. These disciplines overlap with broader fields such as psychology, sociology, decision science, risk assessment, and human cognition.

For a multidisciplinary organization such as TIFACS, representation from individuals with intelligence and behavioral-analysis backgrounds could provide valuable expertise in understanding how new scientific ideas are communicated, interpreted, and received by governments, institutions, and the public. Major shifts in scientific understanding often produce social, cultural, and political reactions that extend beyond the laboratory. Individuals experienced in intelligence assessment can contribute methods for evaluating evidence, identifying cognitive biases, assessing competing hypotheses, and anticipating the societal consequences of emerging discoveries.

Such expertise may also assist in developing frameworks for public education, crisis communication, and policy planning related to controversial or paradigm-challenging research. Intelligence professionals are trained to distinguish between verified information, speculation, misinformation, and uncertainty—skills that can strengthen the rigor of scientific governance.

Rather than serving as advocates for any particular conclusion, representatives with intelligence-community experience could help ensure that complex findings are evaluated objectively and communicated responsibly. Their presence on a science board would add expertise in human behavior, information analysis, strategic assessment, and institutional decision-making, complementing the work of scientists, educators, and researchers from other disciplines.

MANDATE: The intelligence and behavioral-analysis representative's job is to help TIFACS evaluate information responsibly and communicate difficult findings without creating confusion, panic, or institutional resistance. This role will support evidence assessment, bias detection, risk analysis, misinformation control, strategic communication, and public education planning. The representative will help distinguish verified information from speculation and will advise the Science Board on how governments, institutions, and the public may react to paradigm-changing discoveries. This mandate is essential for maintaining discipline, credibility, and social stability as TIFACS investigates controversial subjects.

Nonhuman Intelligence Representation on the TIFACS Science Board

As The Institute for Advanced Consciousness Studies (TIFACS) expands its mission to investigate consciousness, nonlocal intelligence, and humanity's relationship to a larger cosmic environment, the inclusion of an Alien Representation seat on the Science Board serves as a strategic and forward-looking function. This position is not intended to presume the existence of any specific extraterrestrial civilization, but rather to ensure that scientific inquiry remains open to evidence, testimony, and data relating to non-human intelligences and potential extraterrestrial contact.

The Alien Representation seat would be occupied by a recognized researcher, scientist, diplomat, or scholar with substantial expertise in exopolitics, contact studies, astrobiology, UAP research, interspecies communication, or related disciplines. The representative's role would be to advise the Board on emerging scientific findings, government disclosures, international developments, and the potential societal implications of confirmed contact with non-human intelligences.

TIFACS recognizes that the discovery of extraterrestrial life—whether biological, technological, or consciousness-based—would represent one of the most significant events in human history. Such a discovery would have profound implications for science, religion, philosophy, education, governance, and global security. The Alien Representation seat ensures that TIFACS maintains a dedicated perspective on these issues while integrating them into its broader framework of consciousness studies.

The representative would also assist in developing educational programs, policy recommendations, public communication strategies, and research initiatives designed to reduce ontological shock and promote informed public

understanding. By establishing this position, TIFACS demonstrates its commitment to examining all evidence relevant to humanity's place in the cosmos while fostering responsible, scientific, and interdisciplinary dialogue about the possibility of intelligent life beyond Earth.

MANDATE: The Alien Representation seat is responsible for ensuring that TIFACS maintains a serious, disciplined, and open framework for considering evidence related to nonhuman intelligence. This role will advise the Science Board on contact reports, exopolitical implications, interspecies communication, disclosure strategy, and the social consequences of confirmed contact. The representative will not presume conclusions, but will help organize the questions humanity must answer if intelligent life beyond Earth is verified. This mandate supports responsible preparation for contact, reduces ontological shock, and helps place humanity's future in a broader cosmic context.

Political Leadership and Global Responsibility

Throughout history, governments have often struggled to communicate disruptive scientific discoveries and emerging security issues. Political leaders must balance transparency with national security, public confidence, diplomatic considerations, and the practical realities of governing. As a result, information surrounding paradigm-changing subjects is frequently released gradually, debated extensively, or interpreted differently by various institutions and nations.

If humanity is entering a period in which consciousness, nonhuman intelligence, and our place within a larger reality become subjects of serious scientific investigation, no single government should be expected to define or manage that transition alone. These questions transcend national borders, political ideologies, and cultural differences. They concern the future of civilization itself.

For this reason, TIFACS proposes to serve as an independent scientific and educational institution dedicated to developing evidence-based standards, objective analysis, and responsible policy recommendations. Its role is not to replace governments or advocate for particular political positions, but to provide a trusted forum where scientists, educators, policymakers, and international partners can evaluate emerging evidence using consistent scientific standards.

As new discoveries are made, nations will undoubtedly adopt different approaches. Some may emphasize scientific research, others national security, public communication, education, or diplomacy. An independent institution capable of organizing knowledge across these perspectives can help reduce misunderstanding, encourage international cooperation, and promote responsible public discussion.

The long-term objective of TIFACS is to establish a global standard of scientific credibility regarding consciousness studies and related frontier research. By providing transparent research, educational resources, and carefully developed policy frameworks, the Institute seeks to help governments, institutions, and citizens respond thoughtfully to discoveries that may fundamentally expand humanity's understanding of itself and its place within a larger universe.

Knowledge of this significance should ultimately benefit all humanity. TIFACS therefore supports the widest possible dissemination of scientifically validated information, encourages international collaboration, and seeks to make educational resources broadly accessible so that future generations may participate in this work regardless of nationality, political affiliation, or economic circumstance.

The Problems We All Face-Consciousness within a National Security Framework

In the 1970s, Robert Monroe developed a method of neuro-audio entrainment designed to help people access expanded states of consciousness. Because these states appeared to have possible military, intelligence, and remote-viewing applications, the U.S. government studied them.

Three declassified documents from the CIA Reading Room are especially important:

Assessment and Analysis of the Gateway Process
This 1983 document analyzes the Gateway Process and discusses nonphysical consciousness, out-of-body perception, and possible non-corporeal intelligence. It was later declassified.
https://www.cia.gov/readingroom/docs/CIA-RDP96-00788R001700210016-5.pdf

The Gateway Intermediate Workbook
This workbook outlines Gateway training methods used to develop altered-state perception and remote-viewing capability.
https://www.cia.gov/readingroom/docs/CIA-RDP96-00788R001700210023-7.pdf

INSCOM Project CENTER LANE
This document concerns operational remote viewing and intelligence-related applications.
https://www.cia.gov/readingroom/docs/CIA-RDP96-00789R002100180002-8.pdf

Taken together, these documents suggest that consciousness research, remote viewing, and nonlocal perception deserve serious scientific review. TIFACS proposes to organize that review responsibly.

THE PROBLEMS WE ALL FACE

A Strategic Roadmap for Humanity

A TIFACS Global Research Initiative

Foreword

Every civilization reaches a moment when its knowledge becomes too important to remain fragmented.

Throughout history, humanity has advanced whenever it created institutions capable of organizing knowledge across disciplines. Today, discoveries relating to consciousness, neuroscience, artificial intelligence, anomalous cognition, and humanity's place in the universe increasingly intersect in ways that no single institution is equipped to coordinate.

The Institute for Advanced Consciousness Studies (TIFACS) is proposed as that coordinating institution. Its purpose is not to promote predetermined conclusions, but to provide a rigorous scientific, educational, and policy framework for investigating frontier questions responsibly, transparently, and collaboratively.

This roadmap presents a sequence of Grand Challenges designed to move from evidence and standards, to theory, to societal preparation, practical applications, and long-term governance. It is intended for scientists, educators, policymakers, philanthropic leaders, and citizens who recognize that the implications of new knowledge extend beyond any single discipline.

Whether future discoveries confirm, modify, or refute today's hypotheses, humanity benefits when difficult questions are investigated with intellectual honesty, scientific rigor, and responsible governance. TIFACS seeks to help organize that effort.

Introduction

Human civilization has entered a period unlike any in its recorded history. Questions once confined to philosophy and religion are increasingly becoming subjects of scientific investigation. Advances in neuroscience, quantum theory, artificial intelligence, near-death studies, remote-viewing research, and other fields invite careful examination using established scientific methods.

Among these questions are:
- Does consciousness survive physical death?
- Can consciousness obtain information beyond ordinary space and time?
- Are nonhuman intelligences interacting with humanity?
- What is humanity's place within a larger universe?
- How should civilization prepare if these questions are answered?

No single university, government agency, or private institution currently possesses the mandate to coordinate these efforts across disciplines. TIFACS proposes to establish that capability by bringing together researchers, educators, policymakers, and international partners within a common framework dedicated to rigorous inquiry and responsible public leadership.

Part I – Building The Institution

Knowledge changes civilization only when civilization organizes knowledge.

Grand Challenge 0

Establishing TIFACS

Every major scientific revolution has required institutions capable of organizing research, establishing standards, coordinating international cooperation, and communicating discoveries responsibly. The study of consciousness and related frontier phenomena currently lacks such a coordinating institution.

Your Assignment

Design an independent international organization capable of coordinating universities, governments, private industry, nonprofit institutions, and public participation in the scientific investigation of consciousness and related frontier phenomena.

The organization should establish research standards, promote collaboration, support education, coordinate funding, and provide responsible public leadership concerning discoveries that may significantly influence science and society.

Deliverable

The TIFACS Organizational Charter and Five-Year Strategic Plan.
The Institute for Advanced Consciousness Studies (TIFACS).

Part 2 – Building the Science

Evidence precedes theory; theory guides discovery.

The first responsibility of any new scientific discipline is to establish standards, collect reliable data, and develop explanatory models capable of making testable predictions. TIFACS begins with that sequence. By first defining evidence, then organizing data, and finally constructing theory, the Institute seeks to establish a durable scientific foundation upon which all future work can rest.

Grand Challenge 1

Verification and Evidence Standards

Extraordinary claims require extraordinary investigation.

The long-term credibility of consciousness research depends upon establishing transparent, repeatable, and internationally accepted standards of evidence. Without common standards, meaningful comparison among studies is impossible and public confidence is weakened.

Questions

- How do we distinguish reality from imagination?
- How do we distinguish signal from noise?
- How do we identify discovery while excluding fraud?
- How should statistical significance be evaluated in consciousness research?

Your Assignment

Develop a standardized framework by which all future consciousness research may be evaluated, replicated, and independently verified.

Deliverable

The TIFACS Consciousness Evidence Scale.

Lead Organization

TIFACS in collaboration with experts in statistics, research methodology, and consciousness science.

Grand Challenge 2

The Global Remote Viewing Archive

Thousands of remote-viewing sessions have been conducted over several decades, yet the resulting information remains dispersed among governments, private organizations, researchers, and individual practitioners.

Your Assignment

Design an international repository capable of collecting, preserving, categorizing, and analyzing remote-viewing data using standardized metadata and evidence protocols.

Deliverable

The International Consciousness Data Repository.

Grand Challenge 3

The Standard Model of Consciousness

Once reliable evidence has been evaluated and data organized, the next objective is the development of a comprehensive explanatory framework.

Your Assignment

Develop a Standard Model of Consciousness capable of integrating evidence from multiple disciplines while generating testable predictions.

- Consciousness
- Near-death experiences
- Reincarnation research
- Remote viewing
- Psi phenomena
- Nonlocal awareness
- Contact experiences

Deliverable

The TIFACS Standard Model of Consciousness.

Lead Organization

A multidisciplinary consortium led by TIFACS with university research partners.

Transition to Part III

Once evidence standards, global datasets, and a coherent theoretical framework have been established, the challenge shifts from scientific investigation to societal preparation. The next phase examines how education, public institutions, and cultural systems should respond to transformative discoveries.

Part 3 – Preparing Humanity

Knowledge transforms civilization only when civilization is prepared to receive it.

Scientific discovery alone does not ensure societal progress. History demonstrates that transformative ideas require thoughtful integration into education, culture, governance, and public discourse. This phase addresses how humanity prepares for discoveries that could reshape its understanding of itself and the universe.

Grand Challenge 4

Religion, Spirituality, and Human Meaning

Throughout history, questions concerning consciousness and human existence have been explored by religious, philosophical, and spiritual traditions. Scientific inquiry should encourage dialogue rather than division.

Questions

- How should new discoveries be integrated with existing faith traditions?
- What common truths exist across cultures?
- How can dialogue replace conflict while respecting diversity of belief?

Deliverable

An International Interfaith Council on Consciousness.

Grand Challenge 5

Public Disclosure and Ontological Readiness

Major scientific discoveries can reshape public understanding and challenge existing assumptions. Responsible planning should precede widespread disclosure of transformative findings.

Questions

- How should significant discoveries be communicated?
- Who should participate in disclosure planning?
- How can transparency be balanced with public stability?

Deliverable

The Global Disclosure and Ontological Readiness Framework.

Grand Challenge 6

Education for a Consciousness Civilization

If new knowledge substantially changes humanity's understanding of consciousness, educational systems should evolve in an evidence-based manner.

Questions

- What should students learn at different educational levels?
- Should consciousness studies become an interdisciplinary academic field?
- What professional standards and certifications should exist?

Deliverable

The TIFACS Consciousness Education Framework.

Transition to Part IV

Once society has begun preparing intellectually and institutionally, the next challenge is to responsibly apply this knowledge. The following section examines practical applications while maintaining scientific rigor, ethical oversight, and public benefit.

Part 4 – Human Applications

Once society has established scientific standards and prepared its institutions, the next responsibility is to apply this knowledge in ways that improve human welfare, advance scientific understanding, and strengthen civilization while maintaining ethical oversight.

Grand Challenge 7

The Consciousness Applications Initiative

Consciousness research may have practical applications in medicine, education, problem solving, national resilience, scientific discovery, and human performance. Applications should be evaluated using rigorous scientific standards before widespread adoption.

Questions

- Which applications demonstrate the strongest empirical support?
- How should effectiveness be independently verified?
- What ethical safeguards should govern operational use?
- How can public benefit remain the primary objective?

Your Assignment

Develop a framework for evaluating, testing, and responsibly deploying validated applications emerging from consciousness research.

Deliverable

The TIFACS Applied Consciousness Framework.

Grand Challenge 8

Human Origins and the Deep Past

Understanding humanity's future also requires a deeper understanding of its past. Archaeology, anthropology, history, comparative religion, and emerging evidence should be examined using modern interdisciplinary methods.

Questions

- What unanswered questions remain concerning early civilizations?
- What evidence deserves renewed scientific examination?
- How can multiple disciplines cooperate while maintaining scholarly rigor?
- What new technologies can improve archaeological investigation?

Your Assignment

Design an interdisciplinary research program to investigate unresolved questions about humanity's early history using transparent scientific methods.

Deliverable

The TIFACS Human Origins Research Program.

Transition to Part V

Having established practical applications and expanded historical understanding, the roadmap next addresses governance, international cooperation, and humanity's long-term future.

Part 5 – Global Governance and Civilization

As scientific understanding matures and practical applications emerge, civilization must develop governance structures capable of guiding their responsible use across national and international boundaries.

Grand Challenge 9

International Governance for Consciousness Science

Transformative discoveries require institutions that encourage international cooperation, transparency, and ethical accountability while respecting national sovereignty.

Questions

- What international standards should guide consciousness research?
- How can governments cooperate without restricting scientific inquiry?
- What ethical principles should be universally adopted?
- How should disputes be resolved?

Your Assignment

Design an international governance framework that promotes scientific collaboration, ethical oversight, and peaceful cooperation.

Deliverable

The International Consciousness Governance Charter.

Grand Challenge 10

Humanity's Long-Term Future

The ultimate purpose of knowledge is to improve the long-term survival and flourishing of civilization. Consciousness research should contribute to humanity's future development, resilience, and peaceful expansion.

Questions

- How should civilization prepare for transformative discoveries?
- What institutions will future generations require?
- How can scientific progress strengthen global cooperation?
- What responsibilities accompany expanded knowledge?

Your Assignment

Develop a strategic roadmap for humanity that integrates science, education, ethics, governance, and international cooperation over the coming century.

Deliverable

The TIFACS Century Strategy for Humanity.

Conclusion

The Grand Challenges presented throughout this roadmap are intended to organize inquiry rather than dictate conclusions. By advancing evidence, theory, education, application, and governance together, TIFACS seeks to help humanity address profound questions with scientific rigor, intellectual humility, and a commitment to the common good.

EPILOGUE

THE TIFACS GRAND STRATEGY

A Defining Moment

Humanity periodically reaches moments when new knowledge changes not only science but civilization itself. The study of consciousness, human cognition, and our place in the universe may represent such a transition. Whether future discoveries confirm or challenge today's hypotheses, society benefits when difficult questions are investigated openly, rigorously, and responsibly.

Why TIFACS

TIFACS is proposed as the coordinating institution that brings together scientists, educators, governments, industry, and philanthropic organizations. Its purpose is to establish standards of evidence, promote interdisciplinary collaboration, encourage public education, and provide thoughtful leadership as new discoveries emerge.

Responsibilities

Scientists must pursue evidence wherever it leads. Educators must prepare future generations to understand new knowledge. Policymakers must develop ethical and legal frameworks that protect both scientific freedom and the public interest. Citizens should be invited into the process through transparency, dialogue, and education.

International Cooperation

The questions addressed by TIFACS transcend national borders. International collaboration allows discoveries to be independently verified, ethical standards to be shared, and the benefits of new knowledge to be distributed peacefully across humanity.

A Vision for the Next Century

The long-term objective is not merely to answer scientific questions, but to strengthen civilization itself. By integrating evidence, theory, education, practical application, and responsible governance, humanity can better prepare for future discoveries while preserving scientific integrity and human dignity.

Final Statement

The Grand Challenges described throughout this roadmap are an invitation to organize inquiry on a global scale. TIFACS seeks to provide the institutional framework through which humanity can investigate profound questions with courage, intellectual honesty, and a commitment to the common good. The measure of success will not be whether every hypothesis proves correct, but whether civilization develops the wisdom to pursue truth responsibly.

Conceptual Implementation Framework for the TIFACS Initiative

The implementation phase of the TIFACS initiative would position the United States as the global leader in advanced consciousness studies, cognitive resilience research, and interdisciplinary human development. Senator Mark Kelly is uniquely positioned to introduce the initiative as a long-term educational and scientific framework rooted in exploration, human adaptability, and the responsible study of consciousness-related phenomena. The initiative would begin through partnerships between TIFACS, universities, private research institutions, and organizations such as the Monroe Institute, which has decades of experience developing structured consciousness-training programs.

A central component of the implementation plan would be the development of accredited, college-level Gateway Process and consciousness studies curricula designed for university environments. These programs would not be presented as religious or ideological systems, but as structured cognitive-training disciplines focused on attention control, stress reduction, expanded perception research, creativity enhancement, human performance, and advanced problem-solving. Certification pathways could be created for educators, researchers, clinicians, veterans, and technical professionals, allowing institutions worldwide to adopt standardized training models under academic oversight.

The long-term objective would be the gradual development of a globally connected class of highly trained consciousness researchers and remote-perception specialists capable of contributing across multiple sectors of society. Potential applications could include scientific research, medical innovation, conflict reduction, intelligence analysis, education, environmental systems monitoring, human-machine interaction, and advanced decision-support systems. TIFACS would position these disciplines within rigorous scientific protocols designed to encourage data collection, peer review, ethical standards, and institutional accountability.

Politically, this framework allows Senator Kelly to champion an educational and scientific initiative centered on human potential, international cooperation, and peaceful technological evolution. Rather than framing humanity through perpetual conflict and division, the TIFACS model encourages preparation for a more interconnected global future in which advanced scientific understanding, cognitive development, and international collaboration become essential components of civilization. In this context, TIFACS serves as both an educational strategy and a long-term societal preparation framework for humanity's future role within an increasingly interconnected world.

How This Begins

At the time of writing (June 2026), TIFACS exists as a proposed organizational framework rather than an operating institution. Its implementation depends upon the willingness of philanthropic partners, academic institutions, private organizations, and other stakeholders to support the creation of an independent, interdisciplinary center dedicated to the scientific study of consciousness.

The initial funding of TIFACS would permit the establishment of its research infrastructure, educational programs, and collaborative partnerships. One potential model envisions the Monroe Institute serving as an early implementation partner because of its decades of experience in structured consciousness education and research. The specific source of funding is less important than the commitment to establish a transparent, scientifically governed institution capable of serving the public interest.

The purpose of TIFACS is not to advocate for any single interpretation of consciousness, but to provide a permanent institutional framework where questions concerning consciousness, cognition, human potential, and related phenomena can be investigated using rigorous scientific methods. If successful, the organization would encourage collaboration among universities, research laboratories, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private industry.

The broader vision is to create an institution capable of helping society prepare for scientific discoveries that may significantly expand our understanding of consciousness and humanity's place in the universe. Should future evidence support the existence of forms of intelligence or communication beyond current scientific understanding, society will require credible institutions able to evaluate such evidence responsibly, communicate findings accurately, and develop thoughtful public policy.

TIFACS is intended to become such a resource. Its mission would be to promote careful scientific inquiry, international cooperation, ethical research, and responsible public education while encouraging collaboration rather than competition among participating institutions. By establishing a transparent and interdisciplinary framework, TIFACS seeks to strengthen scientific understanding, expand human knowledge, and contribute to the long-term advancement of civilization.

If the central assumptions explored in this proposal ultimately prove to be substantially correct, then the choices humanity makes during the coming decades may affect not only the present generation but the long-term future of our species. In that sense, we are all participants in the same experiment. We will either succeed together or fail together. The purpose of TIFACS is to improve the probability that our collective decisions are guided by evidence, cooperation, and wisdom rather than fear, division, or chance.

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