

MAPS MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MAPS IS A MEMBERSHIP-BASED organization working to assist psychedelic researchers around the world design, obtain governmental approval, fund, conduct and report on psychedelic research in humans.

Founded in 1986, MAPS is an IRS approved 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation funded by tax-deductible donations from 1,800 members.

MAPS' founder and current president, Rick Doblin, is currently in the Ph.D. program in Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and has previously graduated from Stan and Christina Grof's Holotropic Breathwork 3-year training program.

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MAPS has previously funded basic scientific research in both humans and animals into the safety of MDMA (3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, *Ecstasy*) and has opened a Drug Master File for MDMA at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. MAPS is now focused primarily on assisting scientists to conduct human studies to generate essential information about the risks and psychotherapeutic benefits of MDMA, other psychedelics, and marijuana, with the goal of eventually gaining governmental approval for their medical uses.

ALBERT EINSTEIN WROTE: "Imagination is more important than knowledge."

If you can even faintly imagine a cultural reintegration of the use of psychedelics and the states of mind they engender, please join MAPS in supporting the expansion of scientific knowledge in this area. Progress is possible with the support of individuals who care enough to take individual and collective action. In addition to supporting research, your contributions will return to you the following benefits:

The MAPS Bulletin:

Each *Bulletin* will report on MAPS research in progress. In addition to reporting on research both in the United States and abroad, the *Bulletin* can include feature articles, reports on conferences, book reviews, Heffter Research Institute updates, and the Hofmann Report. Issues raised in letters, calls and e-mail from MAPS members may also be addressed, as may political developments that affect psychedelic research and usage.

General Members: \$35

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General members will receive the *MAPS Bulletin*, which appears on a quarterly basis.

Supporting Members: \$100

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Supporting members will receive the *MAPS Bulletin* plus a copy of the MAPS-published book *The Secret Chief: conversations with a pioneer of the underground psychedelic therapy movement*, by Myron Stolaroff.

Patron: \$250 or more

Patrons members will receive the *MAPS Bulletin* plus a copy of *The Secret Chief*, by Myron Stolaroff. Patrons may also request copies of back issues and research updates on matters of personal interest.



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