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Think tanks around the world are increasingly playing a substantial role in the public policy process. In order to highlight some of the most innovative work being done by this growing group of organizations, the Atlas Economic Research Foundation launched the **Templeton Freedom Awards Program** to recognize the achievements and future promise of independent think tanks.

The TFA Program enhances and expands Atlas's traditional efforts to help those who are changing the world for the better. The program consists of:

- **Templeton Freedom Prizes for Excellence in Promoting Liberty** which recognize excellent work by institutes and scholars who address important subjects related to advancing the understanding of freedom.
- **Templeton Freedom Award Grants** which are given to outstanding, promising think tanks. Preference is shown for innovative institutes, operating in difficult parts of the world or working in innovative areas that expand the scope of, and market for, think tank research on freedom.

The TFA Program complements Atlas's traditional work: advising and investing in the most promising young think tanks; honoring excellent work through programs such as the **Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Awards** and the **Freda Utley Prize for Advancing Liberty**; and organizing creative efforts to enhance the impact of important new scholarship on liberty.

The TFA Program was launched in September 2003 thanks to a generous four-year pledge of \$2 million from the **John Templeton Foundation**. Since that time, Atlas has presented **38 Prizes and 49 Award Grants** to outstanding think tanks working to improve the public understanding of freedom.

The John Templeton Foundation also is matching up to \$250,000 per year in new contributions to Atlas for work in difficult territories that presently lack strong think tanks. Individuals and organizations interested in supporting Atlas's work in such areas are encouraged to contact **Yiqiao Xu** at 703-934-6969.

'Over twenty years ago, my friend Sir Antony Fisher, the founder of Atlas, helped me understand better the benefits accrued by all people worldwide, from keeping government small and by continually opening wider the incentives for innovation, efficiency and discovery which result from more free competition. I donate to the Atlas Economic Research Foundation as a way to help over 100 other think tanks who now research the benefits from free competition all over the world.' - Sir John Templeton, September 18, 2001

- *Bringing Religion & Liberty Together* by Alejandro Chafuen, Milestones' July 2007 issue, John Templeton Foundation.
- *Templeton Freedom Awards* by Alejandro Chafuen, Milestones's May 2007 issue, John Templeton Foundation.
- *Leveraging Freedom Awards Around the World* by Frank Brown, Milestones's May 2006 issue, John Templeton Foundation.



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- *Talking Freely About Free Enterprise* by Stephen Henderson, Milestone's May 2004 issue, John Templeton Foundation.

Atlas also publishes **TFA Booklets** profiling the winners of the Templeton Freedom Awards. Contact **Yiqiao Xu** if you have questions about this program.



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