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President Adam F. Falk to Depart Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to Lead Wildlife Conservation Society

*Seven-year tenure marked by major new investments in
science, higher education.*

(New York, NY) The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation announces that Dr. Adam F. Falk will be stepping down as Foundation president at the end of June 2025 after more than seven years of service. Dr. Falk has accepted a position as President and CEO of the Wildlife Conservation Society.

Falk joined the Foundation in January 2018. Over the course of his tenure as president, he was responsible for major new Foundation investments in science, including the launch of new grantmaking programs supporting small-scale experimental physics and research on the fundamental physical laws and processes governing the emergence of living systems. Falk also expanded the Foundation's grantmaking in higher education, which aims to expand opportunity, access, and fairness in STEM graduate education. Between 2020 and 2022, Falk led the Foundation's response to Covid-19, instituting policies that allowed the Foundation to continue its work, protected the health and safety of employees, ensured the Foundation was able to honor its commitments to its grantees and mission, and pivoted the Foundation's grantmaking to respond to urgent new needs created by the pandemic.

"The Board of Trustees is deeply grateful to President Falk for his leadership, vision, and dedication to the Foundation's mission over the last seven years," said Fritz Henderson, Chair of the Board. "We are particularly appreciative of his leadership in reshaping the Foundation's science-based grantmaking, his recruitment of exceptional new staff to the Foundation, and his stewardship through the Covid-19 pandemic. He has been an exemplary leader, and we wish him the best as he opens this next chapter of his distinguished career."

"It has been an honor to have the opportunity to lead the Sloan Foundation for the past seven years," said Falk. "The Foundation's mission to support the advance of science and promote the health of scientific institutions has never been more vital to society. I am particularly thankful to the members of the Board of Trustees, who have been a constant source of thoughtful advice and counsel; to the

Foundation's grantees, who are so fearlessly pushing the boundaries of the known; and to my colleagues here at Sloan, who have humbled me with their insight, good humor, hard work, and, most of all, their commitment to the Foundation and its mission. Leading the Sloan Foundation truly has been a highlight of my professional career.”

Details regarding the executive search for President Falk's successor will be announced at a later date.

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The **ALFRED P. SLOAN FOUNDATION** is a not-for-profit, mission-driven grantmaking institution dedicated to improving the welfare of all through the advancement of scientific knowledge. Founded in 1934 by industrialist Alfred P. Sloan Jr., the Foundation disburses approximately \$80 million in grants each year in four broad areas: direct support of research in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and economics; initiatives to increase the quality and diversity of scientific institutions and the science workforce; projects to develop or leverage technology to empower research; and efforts to enhance and deepen public engagement with science and scientists. Sloan Foundation grantmaking helped create some of the country's most influential and enduring scientific institutions, including Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, the MIT Sloan School of Management, and the Sloan Digital Sky Survey. Sloan support has also played a critical role in the early development of many scientific fields, including cognitive science, behavioral economics, and indoor microbial ecology. The Foundation strives to be guided in all its actions by the values of the scientific enterprise: impartiality, empiricism, curiosity, rigor, and the conviction that a reasoned, systematic understanding of the forces of nature and society, when applied inventively and wisely, can lead to a better world for all.

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