



## Operating Principles - SFI

Scientific work at SFI is always pushing creativity to its practical limits. We always court a high risk of failure. Above all we have more fun than should be legal.

We are absolutely relentless at hammering down the boundaries created by academic disciplines and by institutional ~~boundaries~~ <sup>structures</sup>. If you know more than anybody else about a subject we want to talk to you. We don't care what the subject is.

We are beyond relentless in seeking out the best people in every discipline. We will get you here. No matter what. And we will give you the space and the resources that you need.

We don't care how young you are.

We have in general avoided becoming involved in matters of policy. But if you are working on a program that involves sustainability or the environment or human welfare and you think we might have something you can use pick up the phone.

The educational opportunities that we offer - especially for young people - are simply not available elsewhere. Period.

Occasionally we find that an invited guest is insane. <sup>2</sup> This generally cheers us all up. We know we're on the right track.

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