Many if not most university researchers and administrators find that they are spending an increasingly disproportionate amount of time trying to raise money to support their work. They are also exploring new and potentially controversial donors. It has been suggested that research is increasingly driven less by scientific and other intellectual goals than by the availability of financial support. This dialogue will address some consequent problems, including relations between academia and industry, "commercial research," and real and potential conflicts of interest.

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