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# University research sparks economic growth

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Why is the scientific research within Georgia's universities so important to the health of our economy? A new national report from **The Science Coalition** provides at least one of the answers. University research, the majority of which is federally funded, creates innovation, new companies and jobs, and at the same time, trains the next generation of innovators.

The "Sparking Economic Growth" report identifies 100 national "success stories" from university research — examples of companies that are the result of federal investments in basic research.

Collectively the 100 companies, which include superstars **Google**, **Genentech**, **Cisco Systems** and **iRobot**, employ well over 100,000 people and have annual revenues approaching \$100 billion.

Atlanta can be proud that **Emory University** is a shining example in this report, with four highlighted successful companies that were launched because

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