

## Funding Pharmacy Research by Government or Industry

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In Pakistan, as enlisted by Pakistan Pharmacy Council, there are 39 pharmacy schools, 18 in public and 21 in private sector universities. Hardly out of them, only three-quarter universities are striving hard to pursue higher studies and involved in research and development activities. In the era of stagnant federal funding for pharmacy programs, universities provide meager funds allocated for research. It is due to these facts the quality of research output is not up to the mark and very few innovative research work appears in pharmaceutical scientific journals. Further in pharmaceutical research, the pharmaceutical industry was asked to stepping and pay research funding cess. The worst is the scenario can be witnessed in pharmacy schools being run by the private sector universities. Philanthropists neither providing funding for research nor to develop physical infrastructure for the pharmacy schools in private sector universities. It

is because of the fact that pharmacy school are left at the mercy of pharmaceutical industry which is totally in private sector, to provide funds for research for their own interest. Although pharmaceutical industry jumps upon the students coming out of pharmacy schools to provide employment and take advantage of their manufacturing, research, and development to earn easy money. But their role in the education of pharmacy is a jolt to stalling pharmacy education and research. Private funds often help research centers support younger scientists in develop countries with fresh ideas and the possibility of important discoveries with them. Another dilemma is the support of graduate research students to provide to support graduate studies is lacking both in public and private sector universities. The groundbreaking ideas often come from young, fertile minds that are more likely to work better research partners and it is better to support them in tier research and wellbeing.