Academic R&D

Who funds it and what kind of R&D is performed?

Largest funder for academic R&D in 2019:
The federal government.

53% or $45 billion

Largest performers of basic research in the nation:
Colleges and universities.

46% or $47 billion

Largest share of academic R&D in 2019:
Life sciences (including health sciences).

58% or $48 billion

*2018
Source: Academic Research and Development.
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