

A Forum on Military Funding of Basic Scientific Research

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After the passage of the Mansfield amendment in 1968, the major organizations responsible for government funding of basic scientific research were the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Health and other non-military agencies. During the 1970's levels of support declined markedly. In the last few years, this situation has begun to change. The Department of Defense, through the Offices of Scientific Research of the various Armed Forces and DARPA, has substantially increased funding of research. Most recently, large sums have become available in areas of interest to the Strategic Defense Initiative Office (popularly known as Star Wars).

Most scientists feel that increased government support is necessary and welcome. Some, however, have expressed concern about the effects that the new funding programs will have on their profession and on society as a whole.

The purpose of this forum is to bring together scientists to discuss the issues raised by the ever-present need for government support of research and the role played by the military in this regard.

Join us August 8, 1986 at 8:00 P.M. in Wheeler Auditorium.

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