

## **Britain's universities lead the world**

Universities add enormous value to our society and economy, enriching the lives of all of us through the education and research they provide. But in a post-industrial age, where knowledge is money and growth is elusive, powerful forces are bending the university to serve short-term, primarily pragmatic, and narrowly commercial ends.

## **Defending academic values**

The CDBU firmly believes that the work undertaken in higher education institutions should be connected to other sectors of the economy. But it holds that the processes that underpin all education and knowledge are necessarily unpredictable and open-ended. As institutions that support these processes, universities must therefore be maintained as autonomous institutions that protect them.

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