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Fundamental research – laying the
foundations for applied research

Fundamental research

fuelled by **curiosity**, attempts to gain “**new**” knowledge and insights that are **not always directly applicable or immediately useful**

Changing role of University (VC's address)

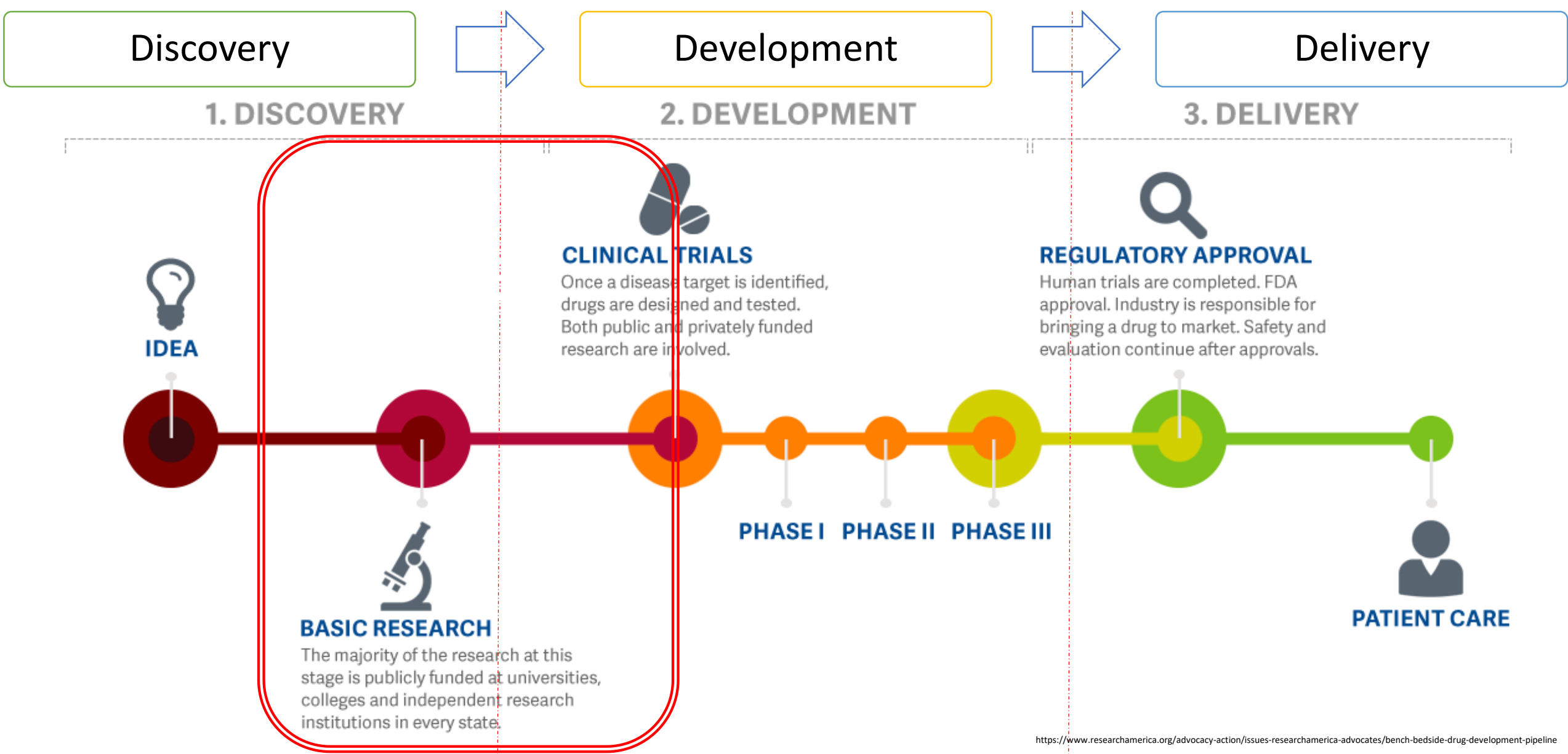
social responsibility and transfer of knowledge - **relevant** to society, **anticipate** what are society's needs - **IMPACTFUL**

Basic research is **very useful**, but it should be **more geared toward application than it was before**

Luc Montagnier 2008 Nobel Prize Winner Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

Fundamental research MKII

not only focused on gaining “new” knowledge, must have an **idea or intent** where the knowledge can, and **will be applied. Interdisciplinary**





plant
biotechnology

synthetic
organic
chemistry

in vitro &
in vivo pharmacology

in silico
modelling



molecular &
cellular biology

engineering

computer
science

bioinformatics

Let your imaginations run wild!

However, must be

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Thank you