# Research on RTP & Research Universities: An Introduction

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#### Overview

- Introduce myself to start a conversation
- Two Relevant Databases to help inform your work
  - Circling the Triangle
  - The Evolving Research Enterprise
- Plenty of Time for Q & A

# Circling the Research Triangle

Joint work with Nichola Lowe, RENCI & too many students to

mention individually



# Research Triangle Park & 50 years of Economic Development

- Everyone thinks they know the story
  - Build a Science Park & Q.E.D.
  - But it's a more complicated history
- Why is the region successful?
  - Attract R&D labs of multinationals
  - Then adapt to entrepreneurship
- Why isn't the region more successful?
  - How do we measure success?





#### Triangulate Data Sources

- > 4100 Entrepreneurial Firms
  - When does a firm begin?
- Firm Growth
  - Annual Employment Numbers
  - Annual Sales, Revenue
- Annual Innovative Activity
  - Patents
  - FDA trials
  - New Product Announcements
- Annual Events
  - Funding Raised
  - M&A, IPO
  - Participation in incubators, programs

# Triangulating Data (>20 Sources)

- Directories (RTP, NC Biotech Center, CED, MCNC, BIO, CorpTech, Hoovers)
- University Technology Licensing Offices
- Patents, Clinical Trials, New Product Introductions
- N.C. Secretary of State
- Funding (Venture Economics, Capital IQ, Kenney-Patten IPO database)
- RSS & Web-based scraping
- National Employment Time Series
- Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

## Economic & Corporate Development Division of NC Biotech Center (1988)

- Emphasize start-ups and recruiting R&D firms (1988)
- "work with outside organizations to analyze and address policy issues of biotechnological development" (1989)
- Small Firm Financing Program (1990)
- Incubator (1990)
- Venture Capital Conferences (1990)
- Summer MBA Associate Program (1991)
- Company Seed Funding; SBIR Matching Program (1992)
- Economic Development Finance Program Awards (1993)
- New University Tech Transfer Advisory Committee (1993)
- Patent Funding Assistance Program (1994)
- Finance Corning BioPro's recruitment (1994)
- Customized training for Biogen (1995)

## The Evolving Research Enterprise

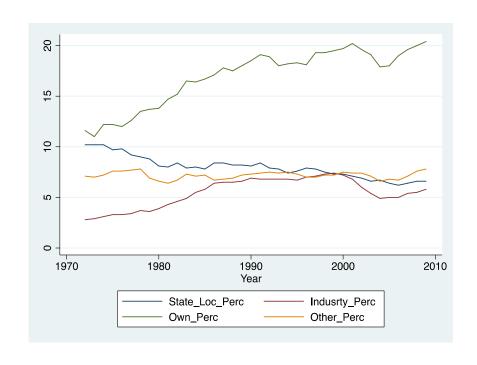
A Data Intensive Investigation of the Changing Sources of Academic Funding & the Impact on Outcomes and Academic Careers

## Funding Sources of Academic R&D

#### **Emerging Role of "Other"**

- Federal accounts for 60% of Academic R&D
- Philanthropy represents 8%
  - \$4.3 BN in academic research
  - larger share than industry (6%)
- "Own" funding over 20%
  - Fast growing category
  - Foundation gifts become endowment

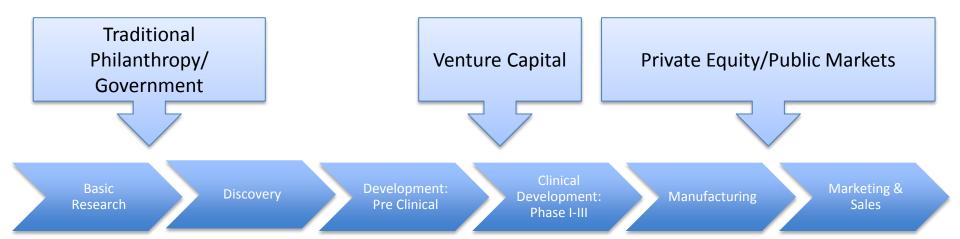
#### **Changes over time**



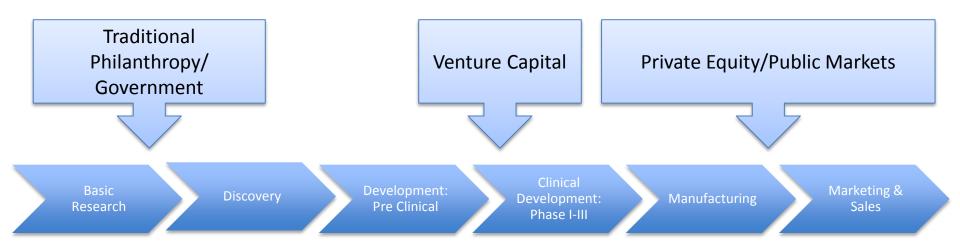
#### **Data Sources**

- STAR METRICS Umbrella (Science and Technology for America's Reinvestment: Measuring the Effect of Research on Innovation Competitiveness and Science)
- U-metrics
- Proposals & Awards
  - 6 Universities (2 + in play)
    - 375K Proposals
    - 210K Awards (56% hit rate)
  - 18,315 unique sponsors
- Sponsored Research Agreements
- Outcomes Publications, Inventions, Patents, Licenses, Companies

## Drug Discovery Pipeline



## **Accelerating Commercialization**





Direct Funding of Research, Leverage Risk Connect researchers to VC Funders

Maintain some IP rights to improve access to patients

## Thank You