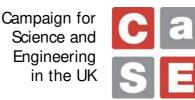
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Letter to the Times 22nd October 2010

Recognition from the science community that the Government has ring-fenced the science and university research funding

Sir,

We warmly welcome the settlement in the Comprehensive Spending Review for the ring-fenced science budget and university research funding. This is a strong signal from government and will boost the confidence of researchers and investors alike. With the shared recognition that research and innovation are crucial for the future of this country, and through the productive dialogue that has been established between the scientific community and government, we are confident that research will make a full contribution to the economy and to society.

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