

## The value of long-term partnership and setting research goals

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Life is short but research is long. Setting a research goal that you want to risk your life on is very valuable in that it minimizes wasting your short life and has a great chance of achieving your goals. Therefore, when writing your research proposal, I recommend that you write down what you will do for at least 20 years or more.

Also, what I discovered at universities and institutions during my 30 years of research was the immense power of two people, irrespective of their area of experts, so being really close. Although each person's scientific knowledge and experience may be weak, there are surprising rewards when the long-term partnership is maintained. Finding and enjoying this kind of fortune isn't really easy, but it is also a very important goal to be pursued. A good relationship with a colleague who can share intellectual curiosity and share a vision in the field you work in not only makes it possible to quickly recover from the difficulties encountered in the relentless R&D journey, but also enables them to advance academically, resulting in satisfactory outcomes, above all, is a key to a happy and successful life.

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