

Corporate capture of academic research and government agencies by fossil fuel interests



Conflicts of interest between academic research and corporate funders – such as tobacco, pharmaceutical, and junk food companies – have been studied and managed in medical research and public health for decades. By comparison, climate and energy research funded by fossil fuel interests – including oil, gas, and animal agriculture companies – has received almost no scrutiny. Likewise, the revolving door of personnel between government agencies and fossil fuel interests has been under addressed.

The **Climate Accountability Lab** has funded opportunities for graduate students to work on high-impact, interdisciplinary research projects analyzing the scale, consequences, and antidotes to these major threats to climate change action.

Projects vary from qualitative (descriptive, historical, and sociological) to quantitative (statistical and computational, including open-ended data mining; social network analysis, applied machine learning; web scraping; and API interaction). Strong analytical skills are essential.