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The financial realities of the 21st century are driving the academic and industrial worlds – once thought of as separate entities – closer together. Identifying opportunities that lead to collaborations with leading universities around the globe are high on the agendas of many industrial research communities. Basic research and applied work are of interest as long as mutual respect exists and an acceptable business model can be defined.

ABB has had a long and successful tradition of working with universities and in the next issue of ABB Review we explore this relationship with leading universities on three continents. Our experience has shown that the combination of core research expertise and cooperation with academic institutes has helped us achieve a number of breakthroughs in key areas. In fact, we will review a number of interesting co-operative projects, their results and their benefits.

Several of these top institutes will answer questions related to knowledge transfer, intellectual property rights and core skills.

Paramount for a company is the systematic recruiting of world-class graduates and ABB is committed to attracting outstanding new researchers and providing them with an exciting and challenging work environment. We will also hear from some of the talents that have recently joined ABB.