

We Need Passion!

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Today, I had an inspiring conversation with one of my schoolmates, where we discussed an exciting trend unfolding around the world: the rise of independent student research groups. From Large Language Model interpretability to cutting-edge 3D modeling, young researchers—undergraduates and postgraduates alike—are forming dynamic, self-driven communities driven by curiosity, creativity, and ambition.

As we talked, my thoughts drifted back to the early days of Artificial Intelligence. History reminds us that many groundbreaking ideas did not emerge from huge institutions or well-funded labs; rather, they were born from intimate, passionate discussions among small groups of visionaries. These pioneers defined and solved problems from a bird’s eye perspective, driven by sheer enthusiasm and the courage to ask big questions. It made me wonder—why can’t we recreate this spirit today?

Some say that the field is too crowded, too competitive, and saturated with too many smart people. But isn’t that exactly our greatest opportunity? With an abundance of talent, passion, and curiosity, we have the potential to drive unprecedented advances. The presence of brilliant minds should not intimidate us; it should inspire and energize us.

What we truly need is passion: passion to propose bold ideas, passion to question the status quo, and passion to collaborate openly. If we truly believe in our research and our career paths, we shouldn’t hesitate to share our vision, to speak openly, and to encourage others to work together. Let us rediscover the magic of passionate conversations, bold inquiries, and collective ambition.

It’s not about competing; it’s about collaborating. It’s not about incrementalism; it’s about envisioning transformative breakthroughs. Let’s nurture a culture of fearless curiosity and mutual encouragement, just as the AI pioneers did decades ago. Together, with passion, we can achieve extraordinary things.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world;
indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has. — Margaret Mead