

ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS

The Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects scheme provides support for collaborative research and development projects between higher education organisations and industry that aim to acquire new knowledge through innovation.

Benefits

- leverage up to four times your cash contribution in Australian Government funds
- develop links with one of Australia's leading research universities through direct collaboration
- opportunities to recruit our outstanding research scholars
- potential access to research and development tax concessions

Funding:

- The ARC will award grants in the range from \$50,000 - \$300,000 per year for two to five years

Who can be a partner

- private sector organisations, both industry and not-for-profit
- most state, territory and Commonwealth government departments and organisations.

Partner organisation requirements

- a minimum cash contribution of 25% of requested ARC funds for the project – applications may be exempt from this cash requirement if all partner organisations are, for example: start-ups; small businesses with less than 20 employees; not-for-profit (other categories apply).
- total cash plus in-kind contributions equal to requested ARC funds
- active participation in the project
- a letter of support to be provided with the application to the ARC
- a written research agreement with the University that outlines roles, contributions and intellectual property arrangements.

Timing

- The ARC Linkage Projects grant opportunity is run on a continuous basis and applications can be submitted at any time up to Thursday 17 December 2020
- Funding outcomes are recommended to the Minister within six months of application submission.

R&D Tax Incentive

- The University of Newcastle is a registered Research Service Provider (RSP) and partner organisations may be eligible for the R&D Tax Incentive (<https://www.business.gov.au/>) available through the Australian Taxation Office and the Department of Industry.

For further information on collaborating with the University of Newcastle, please contact the Industry Program Coordinator:

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