



## Linkage Projects

The Australian Research Council's (ARC) Linkage Projects scheme promotes national and international research partnerships between researchers and business, industry, community organisations and other publicly funded research agencies. By supporting the development of partnerships, the ARC encourages the transfer of skills, knowledge and ideas as a basis for securing commercial and other benefits of research.

The Linkage Projects scheme supports projects which initiate or develop long term strategic research alliances to apply advanced knowledge to problems, acquire new knowledge and as a basis for securing commercial and other benefits of research.

The objectives of the Linkage Projects scheme are to:

- support internationally competitive research projects and teams on challenges or opportunities of relevance to research end-users
- foster the establishment and strengthening of research alliances between higher education organisations and research end-users
- enhance the scale and focus of research, including in Australian Government priority areas.

The intended outcomes of the Linkage Projects scheme are:

- new or strengthened collaborations and research alliances between universities and research end-users
- new knowledge that is of benefit to Australian research end-users, including in Australian Government priority areas
- economic, commercial, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits for Australia.

The Linkage Projects scheme provides project funding of between \$50,000 to \$300,000 per year for 2 to 5 years. Applications for funding under the Linkage projects scheme must include at least one Partner Organisation. The Partner Organisations must make a significant contribution in cash and/or in kind such that the combined Partner Organisation(s) eligible contributions are equal to or greater than the ARC funding.

For further information on the Linkage Projects scheme, including information on eligibility, refer to the relevant Grant Guidelines and Grant Agreements which are available on [GrantConnect](#).