

WHO OWNS THE IP?

The Intellectual Property (IP) generated through Linkage Projects is not owned by the ARC—it can be negotiated between CDU and its Partner Organisations.

Such negotiations are based on the relative contributions of each party (both cash and in-kind) and the outcomes of the Project. The result should be advantageous to all parties.

SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

CDU holds a number of successful ARC Linkage Grants with a wide range of Partners from various organisations. Examples include:

Title: Coastal monitoring using metal resistant microbes

Funds received from ARC: \$358,400 over 4 years

Partners: Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts & Sport; Department of Business & Employment; Alcan QLD Research & Development Centre; Xstrata Zinc—McArthur River Mining Pty Ltd; Rio Tinto Aluminium Ltd; & Northern Land Council

Title: Impacts of Deforestation and afforestation on greenhouse gas emissions and carbon and water resources in the Daly River catchment, north Australia

Funds received from ARC: \$308,000 over 3 years

Partners: Commonwealth Department of Climate Change; Department of Business & Employment; Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts & Sport; Department of Resources

Title: ABRA: Improving foundational literacy through technology in regional and remote schools through a randomized controlled trial

Funds received from ARC: \$411,528 over 3 years

Partners: Telstra Foundation; Department of Education & Training; Concordia University

The Australian Research Council's (ARC) Linkage Project Scheme supports collaborative research and development projects between university researchers and partners from government, industry and not for profit organisations (Partner Organisations) that are both relevant and applicable for all parties involved.

CONTACT US

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COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL PARTNERS ABOUT ARC LINKAGE GRANTS

ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS SCHEME

The Australian Research Council's (ARC) Linkage Projects Scheme provides an opportunity for Organisations to partner with Charles Darwin University to leverage Commonwealth funding for high quality, relevant research that involves risk or innovation.

Benefits include:

- Access up to 4 times your cash contribution through Commonwealth funding to help solve your research problem
- Demonstration of your organisation's involvement in formal, independent, peer-reviewed research
- Staff development through direct collaboration
- Recruitment opportunities from the next generation of high quality, highly trained University research scholars
- Access to leading edge research expertise, knowledge, facilities, laboratories and equipment
- Possible eligibility for Australian Government Research and Development tax concessions (see www.ausindustry.gov.au)
- Method of funding Research and Development beyond testing phase.



FUNDING AVAILABLE

The ARC provides project funding from \$50,000 to \$300,000 per year, with the average ARC grant receiving around \$120,000 per year for two to three years.

Funding may be awarded for two to three consecutive years.

It generally takes around twelve to eighteen months from when an ARC application is submitted to the time when funds are received, agreements are in place, and the ARC Project can commence.

WHO CAN BE A PARTNER?

In general:

- A Partner Organisation can be a government, industry or private non-profit organisation
- Commonwealth Government funded research institutions are not eligible
- There can be one or more Partner Organisations.

WHAT ROLE WILL PARTNERS PLAY?

Linkage Projects are all about collaboration in research. The Projects need to be jointly initiated and undertaken by the Partner Organisation/s and the University-based researchers.

CDU encourages its Linkage Partners to be directly involved in forming the proposal so that it is shaped to meet their needs, while still taking into account the criteria to be met to satisfy the ARC.

During the life of the Project there are opportunities for staff development through:

- Funded short term transfers of staff between the partners
- Participation in high quality, leading edge research tackling 'real-world' problems.

PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

The combined Partner Organisation contributions for a Project (cash and in-kind) must at least match the total funding requested from the ARC.

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

Projects require a matching cash contribution of at least 25% of the amount being requested from the ARC, although projects with a 30% cash component tend to be more competitive. There is an exemption from this requirement, however, for not-for-profit organisations, charities, start-up companies and museums/herbaria.

IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

- Staff time of Partnering Organisation's key ARC Project personnel (Partner Investigators)
- Access to facilities, equipment and databases
- Analytical and other services
- Equipment, materials and consumables
- Patents and licences
- Contribution of software
- Travel.

WHAT IF THINGS CHANGE?

Subject to ARC approval, changes can be made during the life of the Project including adding or changing partners, provided that the minimum Partner Organisation cash contribution is still met.

