Discovery Projects

The Discovery Projects scheme supports fundamental research by individual researchers or research teams.

The Discovery Projects scheme is an integral part of the Australian Research Council’s Discovery Program which supports high quality research essential to Australia’s innovation system for the development of new ideas, job creation, economic growth, and an enhanced quality of life in Australia.

The objectives of Discovery Projects scheme are to:

- support excellent basic and applied research by individuals and teams;
- enhance the scale and focus of research in the Strategic Research Priorities;
- expand Australia’s knowledge base and research capability;
- encourage research and research training in high-quality research environments;
- enhance international collaboration in research; and
- foster the international competitiveness of Australian research.

The Discovery Projects scheme provides project funding of between $30,000 and $500,000 per year for up to five years. This may include an International Collaboration Award to support Australian-based researchers working overseas or overseas researchers working in Australia on a project. Project funding may be used for: accessing national and international research and infrastructure facilities; hiring personnel, for example, research associates or assistants and technicians; higher degree by research stipends; teaching relief; field research; and domestic and international travel.

The Discovery Projects scheme is part of the National Competitive Grants Program, which comprises two sub-programs: Discovery and Linkage. In addition to the Discovery Projects scheme, the Discovery Program schemes are: Australian Laureate Fellowships; Discovery Early Career Researcher Award; Discovery Indigenous; and Future Fellowships.

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