Strong research partnerships between academia and industry can provide the competitive edge for products, processes and services. Such research partnerships can also provide unique training environments to provide a highly-skilled national workforce and offer new job opportunities for a sustainable future for innovation.

The Australian Government is investing in the development of new research partnerships and the expansion of existing partnerships in key areas of national importance. This investment will transform the nature of research partnerships between academia and industry bringing them to the forefront of research excellence and market leadership.

The Australian Research Council (ARC) Industrial Transformation Research Program (ITRP) offers two funding schemes attractive to both university-based researchers and industries.

This dynamic program funds research hubs and research training centres, and supports Higher Degree by Research students and postdoctoral researchers in gaining real-world practical skills and experience through placement in industry.

The third round of ITRP focusses on the following priority research areas: manufacturing; food and agriculture; oil and gas, including petroleum; mining and mining services; and medical devices and biotechnology.

**Industrial Transformation Research Hubs (ITRH)**

ITRH will provide the opportunity for universities and industrial partners to focus on significant collaborative R&D projects with outcomes beyond their independent endeavours.

The Government will invest up to $1 million per year in each hub along with investment by industry partners.

Funding may be provided for between three (3) and five (5) years, providing the flexibility to undertake comprehensive research programs that will help tackle big industry challenges, as well as short-term projects that may help answer emerging issues or questions.

**Industrial Transformation Training Centres (ITTC)**

ITTC will foster close partnerships between university-based researchers and industry to provide innovative training for early-career researchers vital to Australia’s future industry.

The Government will invest up to $1 million per year in each centre for four (4) to five (5) years. Each centre will support at least ten (10) Higher Degree by Research students and three (3) postdoctoral researchers.

Further information:

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