Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities

The Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) scheme provides funding for large-scale cooperative initiatives so that expensive infrastructure, equipment and facilities can be shared between higher education organisations and also with industry.

The objectives of the LIEF scheme are to:

- encourage Eligible Organisations to develop collaborative arrangements with other Eligible Organisations, higher education institutions and/or their Partner Organisations to develop and support research infrastructure;
- support large-scale cooperative initiatives thereby allowing expensive infrastructure, equipment and facilities to be shared and/or accessed; and
- support areas of existing and/or emerging research strength.

The LIEF scheme provides minimum funding of $150,000 per year and maximum funding of up to 75 per cent of the total direct cost of the infrastructure, equipment and facilities.

Funding may be requested for:

- infrastructure, equipment and facility purchase, upgrade, construction, installation, and maintenance;
- integrated research facilities, major computing/data facilities, animal houses, herbaria and experimental farms;
- salaries directly associated with creating and installing infrastructure, equipment or facilities;
- consortium membership costs, in the case of Australia's participation in the use of significant international-scale research facilities; and
- library and research information infrastructure.

The LIEF scheme is part of the National Competitive Grants Program, which is comprised of two sub-programs: Discovery Program and Linkage Program. In addition to LIEF, the Linkage Program schemes are: ARC Centres of Excellence; Industrial Transformation Research Program; Learned Academies Special Projects; Linkage Projects and Special Research Initiatives.

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