Special Research Initiative for a Science of Learning Research Centre

The Australian Government, through the Australian Research Council’s Special Research Initiatives scheme, has committed $16 million over four years from December 2012 to fund the Special Research Initiative for a Science of Learning Research Centre.

The Centre will bring together education professionals and high quality researchers in areas ranging from neuroscience and cognitive development through to pedagogy and educational technology. The research undertaken through the Centre will aim to identify new teaching practices that are based on solid scientific evidence.

The initiative was developed with support from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and is a key recommendation of the Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council Expert Working Group report, Transforming Learning and the Transmission of Knowledge (2009).

The successful proposal, titled “The Science of Learning Research Centre” is led by the Centre Director, Professor Ottmar Lipp at the University of Queensland (the Administering Organisation).

Seven Collaborating Organisations were listed on the proposal:
- Australian Council for Educational Research
- Charles Darwin University
- Deakin University
- Macquarie University
- The Flinders University of South Australia
- The University of Melbourne
- The University of New England.

Nine Partner Organisations were listed on the proposal:
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Institute of Education, London
- North Caroline State University
- Queensland Department of Education, Training and Employment
- Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre
- SA Department of Education and Child Development
- The Benevolent Society
- University College London
- Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

25 Chief Investigators (including the Centre Director) and two Partner Investigators were listed on the proposal.

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