



Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development

The *Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development* scheme is part of ARC National Competitive Grants Program.

The scheme aims to:

- develop the research expertise of Indigenous researchers who have not participated as a Chief Investigator on a project funded under any other ARC funding scheme or previously been awarded an ARC Fellowship;
- support fundamental research and research training by Indigenous Australian individuals and teams;
- provide Indigenous researchers with experience in the preparation of research funding proposals;
- attract and retain established Indigenous researchers; and
- expand Australia's knowledge base and research capability.

On 26 October 2009, the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science, and Research announced funding of over \$1.8 million for nine Indigenous Australian researchers under the *Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development* scheme.

Proposals for funding commencing in 2011 are currently being assessed and it is anticipated that outcomes from this funding round will be announced in October 2010.

The scheme offers two types of fellowships:

- *Indigenous Researcher Fellowships*—for early-career researchers to undertake research of national and international significance and broaden their research experience; and
- *Australian Research Fellowships–Indigenous*—for established Indigenous Researchers of exceptional promise and with a proven capacity for original work.

Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development grants are awarded annually following a rigorous, independent peer review process that considers factors such as the researcher's research opportunity and performance evidence, capacity to undertake the work, the national importance of the proposed research, and the quality of the research environment.

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