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ACT researchers strengthen our mental health, unmask the secrets of gold deposits and explore the galaxy

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Our understanding of mental health in the workplace, our place in the galactic neighbourhood and the formation of ore bodies is set to expand thanks to over $58 million for Australian Capital Territory research projects through the Australian Government.

Announcing funding for 132 ACT projects, Minister for Education, Hon Christopher Pyne MP, said that investing in research was absolutely critical for the development of new ideas, for progress of our society and a better life for all Australians.

“This Government is providing a total of $522 million towards promising research to occur across Australia’s research institutions through the Australian Research Council (ARC),” Mr Pyne said.

Researchers at the Australian National University (ANU) will use a $857,690 grant to investigate the long-term health and employment consequences of work related mental health issues.

CSIRO will also use a $863,685 grant to develop new methods for discovering Australia’s mineral wealth, deepening our understanding of ore formation including the transport and deposition of gold.

And researchers at the ANU will also receive a $350,000 grant to conduct a spectroscopic survey of the southern skies, with an aim to quadruple the number of nearby galaxies with measured redshifts, distances and velocities—the key to understanding our place in the galactic neighbourhood.

“This $58 million investment is great news for the ACT because it highlights the outstanding research occurring in our nation’s capital.”

“This research that will lead to outcomes that could potentially have an important impact not just in Australia, but also on the international stage,” Mr Pyne said.

The 132 research projects were announced as part of the ARC’s 2013 Future Fellowships and 2014 Major Grants funding outcomes announcements.

To view summaries of all funded projects visit the ARC media announcement kit. For more information on the ARC and its funding schemes, visit www.arc.gov.au.

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