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$4.8 million to support Indigenous researchers

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Optimising Indigenous housing outcomes, understanding eruptive bushfire behaviour and exploring the sporting prowess of Indigenous athletes are just some of the important new research projects that will be undertaken by Australia’s Indigenous researchers with new funding announced today.

Minister for Education, Hon Christopher Pyne MP, has announced a total of $4.8 million for ten research projects through the Australian Research Council’s (ARC) Discovery Indigenous scheme.

Mr Pyne said the funding scheme was an important tool in allowing Indigenous researchers to excel in their chosen fields.

“The University of Queensland will receive $368 000 to improve our understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing needs, leading to better housing management and housing design and a reduction in crowding and homelessness,” Mr Pyne said.

“The University of New South Wales will receive $370 000 to improve our understanding of eruptive bushfire behaviour leading to better advice for bushfire authorities concerning fire blow-up.

“The University of Sydney will receive more than $1.3 million for three projects, one of which will explore the remarkable success of many Indigenous Australians in sport, and identify the factors that encourage sporting excellence,” he said.

The Discovery Indigenous scheme provides funding to Australian universities to support research programs led by an Indigenous Australian researcher. The scheme is designed to develop and support the research expertise of Indigenous Australian researchers and to expand Australia’s knowledge base and research capability.

For more information about these funding outcomes please visit the ARC website or view the media announcement kit.

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