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$32 million to enable Australia’s research capacity

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Australian universities will receive almost $32 million from the Australian Government for important infrastructure and equipment to enable researchers to excel on the world stage.

Minister for Education, Hon Christopher Pyne MP, announced the funding today which is awarded by the Australian Research Council (ARC) under its Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) scheme.

“This is an important funding scheme as it provides our researchers with the tools they need to undertake their research and enable them to make world-first discoveries,” Mr Pyne said.

“A total of 63 new research projects will commence next year with this funding and universities will collaborate with 84 organisations and industry partners from across the globe as part of that research.”

“These collaborating organisations will also contribute cash and in-kind to these projects to the tune of more than $64 million,” he said.

Western Australia will receive a total of $3.35 million for six projects—one of those projects will establish new nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy facilities which will advance cutting-edge chemical, biological, energy and materials research.

At the Australian National University a grant of $350 000 will support the construction of the TAIPAN—a high-performance spectrograph which, through the use of the UK Schmidt Telescope, will survey the southern sky and measure the rate at which gas is being converted into stars.

Charles Darwin University will utilise a $539 000 grant to further develop a living archive of Aboriginal languages.

The LIEF scheme enables higher education researchers to participate in cooperative initiatives so that expensive infrastructure, equipment and facilities can be shared between higher education organisations and also with industry. The scheme also fosters collaboration through its support of the cooperative use of international or national research facilities.

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

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