Australian Research Council

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ARC Strategic Objectives

• To support excellence in research
• To build Australia’s research capacity
• To provide informed high quality policy advice to government
• To enhance research outcomes through effective evaluation
• To raise the profile of Australia’s research effort and be an effective advocate for its benefits
NCGP $652m

Discovery $367m

Centres & Networks $80m

Linkage $205m

FY 2009-10
Major ARC Schemes

- **Discovery Projects** –
  - Excellent fundamental research by individuals and teams

- **Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development** –
  - Develop research expertise of Indigenous Australians

- **Australian Laureate Fellows** -
  - For outstanding researchers to stay in or return to Australia

- **Future Fellows** –
  - Rewards best mid-career Australian researchers and outstanding international researchers

- **Linkage Projects** –
  - Collaborative research between universities and industry/government/community

- **Centres of Excellence** – Large outstanding research teams conducting focused, sustained investigations on important challenging problems

- **Linkage infrastructure, equipment and facilities (LIEF)** –
  - Collaboration across universities & partner organisations to fund major infrastructure
International Changes

• As of 26 March 2008 announced by the Minister
  – *Future Fellowships* and others open to international applicants
  – Allowing international students for Australian Postgraduate Awards (Industry)
  – ARC funds for travel for international collaborators

• *Enhancing international collaboration* will be a priority for all ARC fellowship schemes
International Collaboration

- **ARC schemes are open to international applicants:**
  1. If apply through one of the eligible organizations
  2. If successful, must reside predominantly in Australia

- **Discovery Projects**
  - Partner Investigators (PIs) can be working overseas
  - ‘International Collaboration Awards’ available for Oz Chief Investigators (CIs), Fellows, and Overseas PIs to work together on the project overseas or in OZ
  - Travel support for overseas Partner or other research personnel to travel to Oz if justified against doing the project
  - PhD stipends and Fellowships open to international candidates
International Collaboration

- **Linkage Projects**
  - Overseas organisations can be partners
  - Overseas higher education organisations eligible to be Partner Organisations if application has at least 1 Oz Partner Organisation
  - PhD scholarships can be for international candidates
  - All research personnel can apply for funds for domestic & international travel justified against the project

Information on International Collaboration in ARC schemes:
http://www.arc.gov.au/general/international_collaboration.htm
Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) - Objectives

1. establish an evaluation framework that gives government, industry, business and the wider community assurance of the excellence of research conducted in Australia’s institutions;

2. provide a national stocktake of discipline-level areas of research strength and areas where there is opportunity for development in Australia’s higher education institutions;

3. identify excellence across the full spectrum of research performance;

4. identify emerging research areas and opportunities for further development; and

5. allow for comparisons of Australia’s research nationally and internationally for all discipline areas.
Further information?

- [www.arc.gov.au](http://www.arc.gov.au) > General Information > International Collaboration

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