



Australian Government  
Australian Research Council

National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP)  
and Strategy & Programs Update

ARMS 2010

Research

RESEARCH in the national interest – enabling the future

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### ARC Strategy & Programs Branch

Strategy & Programs

- Program Evaluation
- Program Operations
- Policy Coordination & Governance

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### Program Operations

Projects	Fellowships	Specialised
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; text-align: center;">Discovery Projects</li> <li style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Linkage Projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; text-align: center;">Future Fellowships</li> <li style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Australian Laureate Fellowships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; text-align: center;">Linkage, Infrastructure, Equipment &amp; Facilities</li> <li style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development</li> </ul>

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Program Coordination	Program Strategy	Quality & Business Systems
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### Recent Announcements

- *Centres of Excellence* announced on 16 July 2010
- \$255.9 million investment in 13 *Centres of Excellence*
- *Australian Laureate Fellowships* announced on 7 July 2010
- \$35.5 million investment in 15 Laureates

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### ARC Linkage Research Training Awards

- Part of the Clean 21 Initiative
- \$23.4 million investment over 6 years
- Focus on emerging green industries and reducing environmental impact of existing industries
- Valuable hands-on experience for postgraduate researchers
- Up to 100 awards in 2012 and up to 100 awards in 2014
- Awards to institutions with research activity in key areas
- Industry partners and students can be identified after award of funding to provide greater certainty to industry partners

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### Communication of Funding Outcomes

- Single letter to Vice-Chancellor, copied to DVC(R) and Research Office
- Outcomes Spreadsheet indicating funding outcomes for all proposals submitted
- Letter from the Minister to each successful applicant
- No individual letters for unsuccessful, ineligible or withdrawn Proposals

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### CoE nominations for 2011

- Nominations will open in early October and close before end of October
- Selection process will include a referee process
- ARC CEO appoints the College of Experts
- Appointees to be announced in early November
- Induction session to be held in Canberra for new appointees in early December
- Please encourage suitably qualified female nominees

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### Research Opportunity & Performance Evidence

- Focus on ECR Proposals and success rates in previous years
- Feedback from the sector and assessors
- Focus on differences in success rates by gender
- Fellowship eligibility and opportunities

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### Linkage Projects Evaluation

- How effective is *Linkage Projects* in facilitating benefits to higher education institutions, researchers and Partner Organisations?
- How effective is *Linkage Projects* in supporting strategic aspirations and operational needs of higher education institutions, researchers and Partner Organisations?

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### Linkage Projects Evaluation

Activity	Timeframe
Interviews with selected senior university research managers	Completed
Interviews with selected Chief Investigators (CIs)	Completed
Interview with Partner Organisation representatives	October 2010
Submission invited from other senior university research managers	October 2010
Survey of 500 CIs and 500 Partner Organisation representatives	October 2010

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### Upcoming Events

ARC announcement of  
**Major Research Grants for 2011**  
 including an expo, showcasing ARC funded research

25 October 2010, Canberra

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*Upcoming Events*

**ARC/NHMRC Research Administrators  
Seminar**

in association with ARMS

8 & 9 November 2010  
National Convention Centre, Canberra

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