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# International Collaboration: Social Sciences and Humanities

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# Contextual Factors



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## Desirables: Minister Carr March 2009

1. Applications to build on university's research strengths, based on thinking strategically, playing to strengths
2. Collaboration needed between universities and business and public sector research agencies
3. Develop PhDs, support research students
4. Collaborate across universities, especially international collaboration by researchers
5. Collaboration across natural and human sciences

## New Objective in *Discovery Projects* Scheme:

- Enhance international collaboration in research



# Funded *Discovery & Linkage* Projects with International Partner Investigators (PIs)



## TOP FOUR

1. **Psychology**—2.5 times more than next discipline of...
2. **Applied Economics**
3. **Archaeology and Prehistory & 4. Philosophy**
  - International PIs named relatively frequently

## LESS FREQUENT:

5. **Education, Curriculum Studies & Teacher Professional Development**
6. **Performing Arts**
7. **Historical Studies**
8. **Cultural Studies**
9. **Public Health and Health Services**
10. **Social Work**
11. **Business and Management**
12. **Law and Law Enforcement**
13. **Econometrics**
5. **OTHER DISCIPLINES — None or Very Little**



# Funded ARC Projects with International PIs: 2002 to 2008



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- Which countries have the most frequent collaborations?
  - *United States (24%), Canada (6%)*
  - *United Kingdom (15%)*
  - *Germany (8%), Italy (3%), Netherlands (2.5%), Sweden & Switzerland (2% each)*
  - *Japan (5%), China (4%)*
  - *New Zealand (3%)*
- Which schemes have the most frequent collaborations?
  - *Discovery Projects (43% of \$)*
  - *ARC Centres of Excellence (43% of \$)*



# Disciplines & Countries 2002-2008 (No. of grants given is for 2008)



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- **United States:** *Psychology 51*
- **United Kingdom:** *Psychology 48, Historical Studies 29, Philosophy 22*
- **Canada:** Psychology 13, Applied Economics 11, Historical Studies 10, Law 9
- **New Zealand:** Psychology 8, Law 7, Archaeology and Prehistory 5, Historical Studies 5, Philosophy 5
- **China:** Historical Studies 9, Archaeology & Prehistory 8, Political Science 7, Sociology 5
- **Germany:** Psychology 13
- **Netherlands:** Psychology 8, Historical Studies 6, Linguistics 4, Philosophy 4, Sociology 4
- **France:** Historical Studies 9
- **Italy:** Historical Studies 8, Psychology 6



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- **Indonesia:** Historical Studies 6, Sociology 5, Demography 3, Anthropology 3, Political Science 3, Archaeology & Prehistory 3, Cultural Studies 3
- **South Africa:** Law 4, Public Health and Health Services 3, Human Geography 3, Linguistics 3
- **India:** Applied Economics 4, Political Science 4, Law 3, Philosophy 3, Human Geography 2, Cultural Studies 2, Archaeology & Prehistory 2, Religion 2, Sociology 2, Anthropology 2, Other Arts 2
- **Singapore:** Demography 3, Literature Studies 3
- **Russia:** Historical Studies 4, Political Science 1
- **Vietnam:** Political Science 2, Architecture & Urban Environment 2, Archaeology & Prehistory 2, Demography 1, Historical Studies 1
- **Taiwan:** Historical Studies 2



# Where are the International Collaborators?



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- Vary enormously
- For *Discovery Projects*, scholars residing in university departments rather than in Institutes or Centres
- Very few universities with more than 1 international collaboration:
  - A few have collaborations on 3 or more separate projects:
    - U. of Bristol, U. of London, U. of Cardiff, York University, University of Oxford
    - U. of Victoria,
    - U. of British Columbia, U. of Pennsylvania



# Opportunities



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- ***ARC schemes are open to international applicants:***
  - (a) If apply through one of the eligible organizations
  - (b) 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 can be applied for 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**



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## ■ *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](http://www.arc.gov.au/general/international_collaboration.htm)

