

Response

ARC consultation paper:

ARC Centres of Excellence for funding commencing in 2011

Please use this template to submit your response to the Consultation Paper. Add additional pages if required.

If you are completing the response electronically, make selections from multiple choice categories either by highlighting the answer that most closely fits your view, or deleting answers that do not. Comments are welcome.

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Respondent details	
Your name (optional)	
Your position and organisation (optional)	
Contact details (optional)	Tel: Email:
Please tick or highlight any category that describes your current status	<input type="checkbox"/> Researcher / employee – past or current ARC Centre <input type="checkbox"/> Partner organisation – past or current ARC Centre <input type="checkbox"/> Researcher – university-based <input type="checkbox"/> Researcher – other publicly funded agency <input type="checkbox"/> Researcher - other <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy vice-chancellor / pro vice-chancellor <input type="checkbox"/> University research office staff <input type="checkbox"/> ARC grant recipient <input type="checkbox"/> ARC partner organisation <input type="checkbox"/> ARC College of Experts member <input type="checkbox"/> Peak body with interest in research <input type="checkbox"/> Business group <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
Please tick or highlight the category that best describes your field(s) of research	<input type="checkbox"/> Biological sciences and biotechnology <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering and environmental sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities and creative arts <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics, information and communication sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Physics, chemistry and geoscience <input type="checkbox"/> Social, behavioural and economic sciences
Would you be willing to discuss your comments in confidence with an ARC staff member?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Comment

Objectives	
Do you agree with the objectives of the <i>ARC Centres of Excellence</i> scheme?	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Agree with some <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree
	Comment

Targeting ARC Centres of Excellence	
Do you agree that new rounds of the <i>ARC Centres of Excellence</i> scheme should be open to proposals from all fields of research (except clinical medicine and dental research)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Partly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree
	Comment

Innovative research with a higher degree of risk exposure	
Do you agree new rounds of the <i>ARC Centres of Excellence</i> scheme should include research programs that carry a higher than normal element of risk, with the proviso that funding could be modified or terminated following a rigorous review process before reaching the maximum funding duration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Partly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree
	Comment

Minimum and maximum funding per Centre per annum

Do you agree that the minimum annual funding for a Centre should be \$1 million?

- Strongly agree
- Mostly agree
- Partly agree
- Mostly disagree
- Strongly disagree

Do you agree that the maximum annual funding for a Centre should be raised from \$3 million to \$4 million?

- Strongly agree
- Mostly agree
- Partly agree
- Mostly disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comment

Duration of Centres

What do you believe to be the optimal duration of a Centre (assuming that application in subsequent rounds is also possible)?

- 5 years (present duration)
- 7 years
- Should depend on the research program proposed
- Other (specify)

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Comment

Selection criteria

Do you agree with the proposed selection criteria for Centres? Do you agree with the proposed weighting of the selection criteria?	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Agree with some <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree
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	Comment

Reporting and reviews

Do you agree with the proposed in-principle arrangements for Centre reporting and reviews?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> In part <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Comment

Title retention

Do you agree with the proposed time limit for title retention?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Comment

Other comments	
Do you have any other comments on the proposed operation of the <i>ARC Centres of Excellence</i> scheme?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Comment