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AUSTRALIAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ORGANISATION (AGSO)

DESCRIPTION

AGSO is a facilities-based earth science agency. It conducts geoscience research across Australia and oversees several national programs in earth science, spatial and environmental services from the application of geoscience knowledge. AGSO's facilities support mineral geochemistry, sedimentary analysis, geothermal surveys, seismology, data collection and processing and customer liaison.

CLOSING DATE

Not applicable.

FUNDING

Not applicable.

GRANT SIZE/PERIOD

Not applicable.

ELIGIBILITY

Not applicable.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL

Special Research Centres

DESCRIPTION

Special Research Centres are based on universities. They provide an opportunity for collaborative research, generally led by university researchers. Special Research Centres may also seek to develop or produce outcomes of direct benefit to Australian society and industry, such as improvements in teaching and learning materials, innovation, knowledge transfer and training schemes.

CLOSING DATE

Not applicable.

FUNDING

Not applicable.

GRANT SIZE/PERIOD

Not applicable.

ELIGIBILITY

Not applicable.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL

Strategic Partnerships in Industry — Research and Development (SPIRT)

DESCRIPTION

The SPIRT scheme supports collaborative research projects between universities, industry and CSIRO. It is targeted at the development of tangible outcomes for industry such as new products, new processes, new equipment, improved business practices, new business models, or increased productivity. Projects address a clear market need and support industry innovation. Projects must be led by an industry partner.

CLOSING DATE

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FUNDING

Not applicable.

GRANT SIZE/PERIOD

Not applicable.

ELIGIBILITY

Not applicable.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL

Key Centres at Universities and Research Councils

DESCRIPTION

The BBS promotes sustainable development through collaborative activities with other research organisations, universities, and the private sector. The BBS offers individually-based PhD scholarship and postdoctoral fellowships and a range of other research training opportunities.

CLOSING DATE

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FUNDING

Not applicable.

GRANT SIZE/PERIOD

Not applicable.

ELIGIBILITY

Not applicable.

BUREAU OF RURAL SCIENCES

Rural Research and Development Corporations (RDCs)

DESCRIPTION

Australia has 15 Rural Research and Development Corporations (RDCs). The RDCs are industry-led, private sector organisations that receive statutory funding from the Commonwealth Government. The RDCs undertake collaborative projects with universities, government and the private sector.

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Not applicable.

FUNDING

Not applicable.

GRANT SIZE/PERIOD

Not applicable.

ELIGIBILITY

Not applicable.

CSIRO

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

DESCRIPTION

CSIRO carries out scientific research to benefit Australia and all Australians. CSIRO's activities are designed to increase economic opportunities and to improve the quality of life for all Australians. CSIRO operates in a commercial environment.

CLOSING DATE

Not applicable.

FUNDING

Not applicable.

GRANT SIZE/PERIOD

Not applicable.

ELIGIBILITY

Not applicable.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

Research and Development Corporations

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Industry, Science and Resources (ISR) supports the development of Australian research and education ventures which seek to develop strategic opportunities in high growth industries. The Department provides a range of support and funding opportunities to industry, universities, government and the private sector.

CLOSING DATE

Not applicable.

FUNDING

Not applicable.

GRANT SIZE/PERIOD

Not applicable.

ELIGIBILITY

Not applicable.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

Technology Transfer

DESCRIPTION

The Technology Transfer program is a range of initiatives aimed at improving the commercialisation of Australian research and education ventures. The program provides funding for activities targeted at entrepreneurial university researchers and staff to help facilitate the commercialisation of research by individuals, private organisations, researchers employed by an Australian university; and end user communities.

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FUNDING

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GRANT SIZE/PERIOD

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ELIGIBILITY

Not applicable.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

Cooperative Research Centres Program

DESCRIPTION

The Cooperative Research Centres Program (CRCs) is a statutory research funding scheme in Australia. CRCs are unique organisations, led by industry and the private sector, that are established to undertake research of national and international significance in the competitive marketplace.

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Not applicable.

FUNDING

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GRANT SIZE/PERIOD

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ELIGIBILITY

Not applicable.

DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE, SURVEY AND GEOGRAPHY

Innovation Investment Fund

DESCRIPTION

The Innovation Investment Fund is a major investment in the commercialisation of Australian research and education ventures which seek to develop strategic opportunities in high growth industries. The Innovation Investment Fund provides funds to high growth industry projects which will deliver significant and ongoing economic benefits.

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FUNDING

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GRANT SIZE/PERIOD

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ELIGIBILITY

Not applicable.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Territorial Development Grants

DESCRIPTION

The Territorial Development Grants is a statutory research funding scheme in Australia. The Territorial Development Grants provides grants to northern and remote area based organisations to support strategic initiatives and activities which reflect the unique characteristics and needs of the territory.

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FUNDING

Not applicable.

GRANT SIZE/PERIOD

Not applicable.

ELIGIBILITY

Not applicable.

RURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS

Australia’s Regional Development Corporations

DESCRIPTION

The Rural RDAs help build research links between industry and a wide range of research providers, including universities. The RDAs are funded by the Commonwealth Government and are led by industry. Funding is provided to support the development of new products, processes and technologies for use in industry, manufacturing, agriculture, and primary production.

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- **Australian Research Council (ARC)**
  - **Special Research Centres**
    - **Description**: Supports research across a range of disciplines.
    - **Closing Date**: Not applicable
    - **Pending**: Not applicable
    - **Grant Size/Period**: Not applicable
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  - **Australian Research Council (ARC)**
    - **Strategic Partnerships**
      - **Description**: Supports research and development projects.
      - **Closing Date**: Not applicable
      - **Pending**: Not applicable
      - **Grant Size/Period**: Not applicable
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  - **Australian Research Council (ARC)**
    - **Key Centres of Teaching and Research**
      - **Description**: Supports research and development projects.
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  - **Description**: Provides sustainable development through collaborative actions with other research organisations, universities, and the private sector.
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- **Department of Industry, Innovation and Science**
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- **National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)**
  - **Description**: Supports medical and health research.
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### COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

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