



Examples of new *Linkage Projects* in 2010

Humanities and Creative Arts

University of Melbourne (Contact: 03 8344 4123)

Intercultural Approaches to Teaching Chinese: A basis for pedagogical innovation
(LP100100291)

Summary: The nation will benefit by having a better prepared and more competent population of Chinese teachers, learners and professionals, whose exposure to Chinese language and culture will encompass the multiplicity of identities in a contemporary, multicultural society. This research will establish Australia as a major innovator in Chinese language pedagogy and will equip Australians to better understand our region and our world. A unique feature of the project is the provision for assessment of cultural awareness derived from study of language, ensuring that students who do not persevere with Chinese language will have a 'surrender value' declaration, recording competency in knowledge of Chinese culture.

Chief Investigator: Professor Joseph Lo Bianco

ARC funding: \$290,000 over 3 years

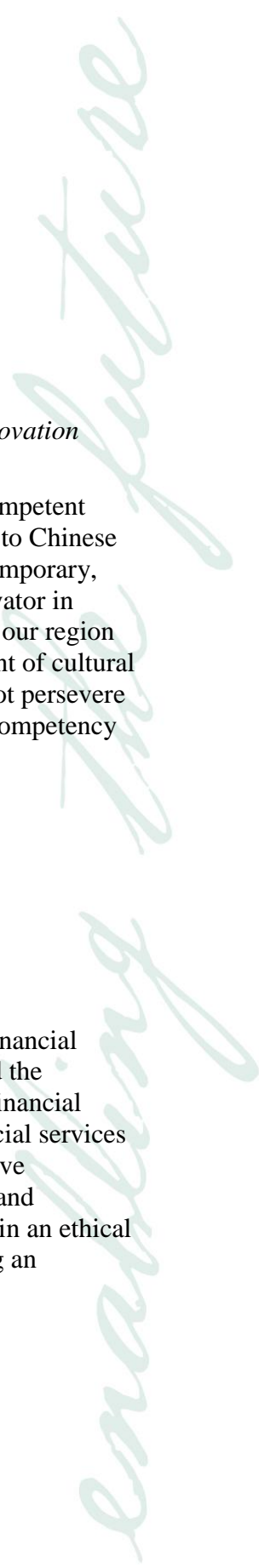
Queensland University of Technology (Contact: 07 3138 2361)

The Future of Financial Regulation: Enhancing integrity through design
(LP100100713)

Summary: The global financial crisis and the attendant collapse of major financial institutions have called into question the efficacy of financial regulation and the standards of conduct of the key actors in the financial services sectors and financial markets. Ethical conduct is fundamental to the integrity of Australia's financial services sector and financial markets. This project will make a valuable and innovative contribution to the national priority goal of strengthening Australia's social and economic fabric by assisting market actors to fulfill their professional roles in an ethical manner. By so doing it accords with the national priority goals of promoting an innovation culture and economy, and safeguarding Australia.

Chief Investigator: Professor Justin O'Brien

ARC funding: \$285,000 over 3 years





Deakin University (Contact: 03 5227 1301)

Haptic realisation of visual art for the blind and visually impaired (LP100100898)

Summary: This research proposes a first-of-its-kind technological platform providing the blind and visually impaired with the ability to physically 'feel' the visual information contained within 2D visual art. Aside from facilitating equity and access to the visual arts, the ability for the blind and visually impaired to perceive the visual information contained within generic 2D images offers wider reaching benefits. The realisation of the proposed technological platform offers the radical potential to revolutionise the available technologies for assisting the blind and visually impaired. The realisation of this technological capability also offers the potential to introduce a new dimension to the communication mediums used within wider society.

Chief Investigator: Professor Saeid Nahavandi

ARC funding: \$150,000 over 3 years

The University of Queensland (Contact: 07 3365 1120)

But does it work? Evaluation of science communication activities in Australia (LP100100614)

Summary: Public science communication activities such as talks, blogs, and social evenings are numerous and drawing larger audiences. But how do we measure their success? This project will collect existing evaluations and develop guidelines for science communication evaluation. The evaluation guidelines developed in this project will assist professional science communicators as well as researchers who wish to communicate the results of their scientific research, impacting a range of Australian audiences for science. This project aims to inform science communicators to create better science engagement activities, better ways of evaluating them, and, ultimately, audiences who are more engaged with the results of Australian scientific research.

Chief Investigator: Dr Joan Leach

ARC funding: \$80,007 over 3 years

Griffith University (Contact: 07 3735 6458)

Incorporating indigenous landscape values into regional planning processes (LP100100396)

Summary: Following on from the successful indigenous engagement in this project's pilot study, this research has the potential to make significant contributions to Australia's reconciliation process. It will work towards an equitable and balanced approach to the way our society manages the landscape, through inclusion of the aspirations, priorities and values of indigenous communities. This elevation of indigenous landscape values, which by and large have been excluded from traditional planning processes, will facilitate cross-cultural understanding and can extend into associated fields of community development. Achieving these proactive outcomes will significantly improve landscape management whilst strengthening community ties.

Chief Investigator: Associate Professor Darryl Low Choy

ARC funding: \$241,669 over 3 years

