



## Linkage Projects

The *Linkage Projects* scheme funds collaborative projects between university researchers and partner organisations in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. In most cases the partner organisations must make a significant contribution (equal to, or greater than, the ARC funding), in cash and/or in-kind.

On 26 October 2009, the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science, and Research, Senator the Hon. Kim Carr, announced funding of over \$66.8 million for 211 research projects as part of the *Linkage Projects* scheme Round One, for funding commencing in January 2010.

On 23 June 2010, Senator Carr announced funding of over \$66.7 million for 218 research projects as part of the *Linkage Projects* scheme Round Two, for funding commencing in July 2010.

Together these Round One and Two research projects will provide advanced knowledge to address our national research priorities.

The 211 Round One research projects involve 437 Partner Organisations. The Partner Organisations have pledged \$121.3 million in cash and in-kind contributions, which is equivalent to \$1.80 for every \$1 committed by the ARC.

The 218 Round Two research projects involve 458 Partner Organisations that have pledged a total of \$128.2 million in cash and in-kind contributions. This represents \$1.90 from Partner Organisations for every dollar funded by the ARC. This is an increase from the previous four rounds of \$0.10 in every dollar.

*Linkage Projects* aims to:

- encourage and develop long-term strategic research alliances between higher education organisations and other organisations, including with industry and other end-users, in order to apply advanced knowledge to problems and/or to provide opportunities to obtain national economic, social or cultural benefits;
- enhance the scale and focus of research in National Research Priorities;
- foster opportunities for postdoctoral researchers to pursue internationally competitive research in collaboration with organisations outside the higher education sector, targeting those who have demonstrated a clear commitment to high-quality research;
- provide outcome-oriented research training to prepare high-calibre postgraduate research students; and
- produce a national pool of world-class researchers to meet the needs of the broader Australian innovation system.

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