



ARC Centres of Excellence

The Australian Research Council's (ARC) Centres of Excellence are prestigious focal points of expertise through which high quality researchers collaboratively maintain and develop Australia's international standing in research areas of national priority.

The Centres of Excellence scheme is an integral part of the ARC's Linkage Program which promotes national and international collaboration and research partnerships between key stakeholders in research and innovation, including higher education providers, government, business, industry and end users. Through these partnerships, the ARC encourages the transfer of skills, knowledge and ideas as a basis for securing commercial and other benefits of research.

ARC Centres of Excellence promote a high level of national and international collaboration. Each centre collaborates with partners from the university sector and other organisations around the world, facilitating international knowledge transfer that greatly enhances their research outcomes. These Centres are world class, and have internationally competitive research teams investigating, and finding solutions to, challenging and important Australian and international problems.

The objectives of the Centres of Excellence scheme are to:

- undertake highly innovative and potentially transformational research that aims to achieve international standing in the fields of research envisaged and leads to a significant advancement of capabilities and knowledge
- link existing Australian research strengths and build critical mass with new capacity for interdisciplinary, collaborative approaches to address the most challenging and significant research problems
- develop relationships and build new networks with major national and international centres and research programs to help strengthen research, achieve global competitiveness and gain recognition for Australian research
- build Australia's human capacity in a range of research areas by attracting and retaining, from within Australia and abroad, researchers of high international standing as well as the most promising research students
- provide high-quality postgraduate and postdoctoral training environments for the next generation of researchers
- offer Australian researchers opportunities to work on large-scale problems over longer periods of time
- establish Centres that have an impact on the wider community through interaction with, and beneficial outcomes for, higher education institutions, governments, industry and the private and non-profit sectors.

The Centres of Excellence scheme aims to increase Australia's research and innovation capacity to generate new knowledge and result in the development of new technologies, products and ideas, the creation of jobs, economic growth and an enhanced quality of life in Australia.

The ARC Centres of Excellence scheme provides projects funding of between \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 per year for up to 7 years. Applications for funding under the Centres of Excellence scheme are invited periodically. Grants are made to organisations, not individual researchers or research teams.

For further information on the Centres of Excellence scheme, including information on eligibility, refer to the relevant Grant Guidelines and Grant Agreements which are available on [GrantConnect](#).