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UQ RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
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Working with an array of partners across industry, government and community organisations, UQ researchers are aiming ever higher to deliver benefits to society, technology and the environment worldwide.

Whatever their shape, strong linkages between universities and industry have a multitude of beneficiaries, because they help ensure that great research results are used by people locally, nationally and internationally. This is sometimes called research translation – when world-class research is converted into products or services that have impact and value, in any language.

The Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects Scheme can help fund a collaborative research project between industry, government or community partners and UQ. Our success in ARC Linkage Projects demonstrates our clear strength in engaging in real world research and supporting a variety of highly productive partnerships.

Our diverse Linkage partners include: Phylogica Limited, Melbourne Zoo, Cook Medical Australia Pty Ltd, Queensland Urban Utilities, DOW Chemical, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, Australian Library and Information Association Ltd, Bayer Bioscience, Lockheed Martin Corp, Australian Sports Commission, PepsiCo, Queensland Dept of Education and Nihon Superior, to name but a few of more than 200 partnerships in successful Linkage Grants led by UQ in recent years.
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ABOUT THE ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS SCHEME

ARC Linkage supports research and development collaborations between universities and Partner Organisations, including industry, government and community organisations, to tackle industry-facing projects and problems.

ARC grant funding is leveraged from cash and in-kind contributions from Partner Organisations to provide funding for research projects that solve applied problems, acquire new knowledge, and involve risk or innovation. To support flexible engagement with partners, applications for ARC Linkage Projects are open continuously throughout 2018.

WHO CAN BE A PARTNER ORGANISATION?

Almost all public, private, community, government and not-for-profit organisations (both Australian and international) are eligible. This includes international universities and research institutions; however each Linkage proposal needs to be able to demonstrate that Australia will benefit from the outcomes of the project.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO THE PARTNER ORGANISATION?

- Leveraging of Partner Organisation investment to deliver larger scale benefits
- Collaboration and leading-edge expertise to tackle both applied and cutting-edge research problems
- Cost-effectiveness through Commonwealth funding to support research
- Access to UQ’s state-of-the-art laboratories, equipment and facilities
- Capacity building, including Partner Organisation staff development opportunities and research higher degree training at the research industry interface
- Demonstration of company involvement in independent, peer-reviewed research
- A means of funding R&D beyond testing or consultancy

What Partner Organisations are saying:
- A long-term professional relationship – the contacts and ongoing relationships developed through the project often led to other projects or the ability to discuss issues and keep in contact: this was highly valuable to each party
- Better connected and leveraged research capability – the projects brought together different expertise, knowledge and/or resources that would not have been available to the individual parties involved
- Building capacity – student placements are beneficial as potential new recruits or emerging researchers that know industry issues very well

Source: Australian Research Council 2016
HOW IS THE PROJECT FUNDED?

The ARC will provide funding ranging from a minimum of $50,000 per year to a maximum of $300,000 per year, for projects of 2 to 5 years duration. The ARC funding and Partner Organisation cash contributions support direct project costs such as salaries, equipment, maintenance, consumables and travel required for the research to be carried out.

WHAT CONTRIBUTION IS THE PARTNER ORGANISATION REQUIRED TO MAKE?

The Partner Organisation(s) must collectively provide a minimum cash contribution of 25% of the funds being requested from the ARC. The balance of their contributions can be in-kind and, together, the combined cash and in-kind contribution must equal the funds being requested from the ARC.

Some Partner Organisations, such as registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, spin-out companies, small businesses with fewer than 20 full-time employees and museums/herbaria may be exempt from the requirement to contribute cash support to the project.

In-kind contributions of Partner Organisations may include the following project-specific costs:

- Staff time of Partner Investigator(s)
- Access to facilities, equipment and databases
- Analytical and other services
- Equipment
- Materials and consumables
- Patents and licences
- Contribution of software
- Travel

WHO OWNS THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY?

Collaborative research agreements including arrangements regarding Intellectual Property (IP) are negotiated on an individual project-by-project basis should the project be funded by the ARC, taking into consideration the proposed research and contributions of each party. UQ has significant experience in this area, including building relationships at application stage and working proactively on post-award contracts, to enable beneficial results for all parties.
WHO AT UQ CAN HELP?

UQ Research and Innovation can provide advice on:
- Suitability of projects for this scheme
- Checking eligibility
- Interpreting ARC Funding Rules and scheme requirements
- Levels of Partner Organisation contributions required (including in-kind)
- Enhancing application competitiveness and success

UQ Research Partnerships Managers can provide advice on:
- Connecting industry partners with the researchers best suited to the needs of their organisations
- Capacity at UQ to engage in end-user focussed research
- Alternatives to ARC Linkage Projects for research-industry engagement
- Intellectual Property opportunities or questions
- Contractual requirements

FURTHER INFORMATION

How to partner:
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https://research.uq.edu.au/partner-us/how-partner

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Phone: 07 3346 9966
https://research.uq.edu.au/research-support/research-management/funding-schemes/industry-schemes

Useful links:
ARC Linkage Projects Funding Rules
www.arc.gov.au/linkage-program-funding-rules#LP

Australian Research Council
www.arc.gov.au/linkage-projects

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