

The University of Queensland – committed to supporting excellence and innovation in research

PARTNERING WITH ORGANISATIONS to produce research outcomes that make a difference

The University of Queensland is a world leading research intensive university with world-class facilities and expertise. We are actively looking for organisations to collaborate with our researchers for mutually beneficial outcomes. Together we can find solutions to today's technical, social, economic and environmental challenges.

ABOUT THE ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS FUNDING SCHEME

The scheme supports collaborative research and development projects between higher education organisations and partner organisations which generate new knowledge and involve risk or innovation. It does not support projects that are essentially consultancy arrangements or where there is little or no public benefit.

A partner organisation must provide a cash and in-kind contribution for the project that at least matches the value of the grant being requested from the ARC.

WHO CAN BE A PARTNER ORGANISATION?

In general:

- a partner organisation can be an industry, government or private non-profit organisation
- there can be one or more partner organisations.

THE FUNDING

- \$50,000 – \$300,000 per annum
- 2–5 years.

BENEFITS TO THE PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

The partner organisations receive the following benefits:

- direct access to leading research expertise and knowledge across a broad range of disciplines
- value for money with the bulk of funds coming from the commonwealth
- ability to direct research outputs towards industry-driven goals
- demonstration of company involvement in formal, independent, peer-reviewed research
- access to UQ's state-of-the-art laboratories, equipment and facilities
- possible eligibility for the Australian Government R&D tax incentive (see www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/innovation-rd/RD-TaxIncentive/Pages/default.aspx)
- partner organisation staff development opportunity.

TIME FRAME

The ARC Linkage Projects Scheme accepts applications on a continuous basis. Results are usually provided within six months of the application being submitted.

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

A partner organisation must provide a cash and in-kind contribution for the project that at least matches the value of the grant being requested from the ARC. Contributions may be shared among several partner organisations as long as the minimum requirements are met.

Cash

The combined partner organisation(s) eligible cash contribution must be at least 25 per cent of the total funding requested from the ARC.

In-kind

In-kind contributions of partner organisation may include:

- staff time of partner investigator
- access to facilities, equipment and databases
- analytical and other services
- equipment
- materials and consumables
- patents and licences
- contribution of software
- travel.

Some partner organisations, such as registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, spin-out companies and museums/herbaria may be exempt from the requirement to contribute cash support to the project.



THE APPLICATION

Details of the application process are as follows:

- the application is prepared by the UQ academics involved in collaboration with the partner organisation
- a statement from the partner organisation that demonstrates to the ARC that the partner organisation will commit to, and actively engage in the research, is required. This must be on a partner organisation letterhead and signed by the CEO or a person of appropriate authority to commit the partner organisation
- the CEO of the partner organisation or a person of suitable authority will need to sign the application, certifying that the partner organisation will provide the cash and in-kind support if the application is successful
- all partner investigators will need to provide a curriculum vitae
- the application is submitted to the ARC by UQ.

FACTORS AFFECTING SUCCESS OF THE APPLICATION

The application process is competitive and merit based. Success factors include:

- strength of research project collaboration
- available funds of ARC
- cash and in-kind contributions of the partner organisation(s)
- the research project environment.

Historically 30–50 per cent of applications are successful.

WHAT WILL BE FUNDED?

- personnel, including Research Associates and assistants, technicians and laboratory attendants
- stipends for Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students, in whole or in part, at an appropriate level for the administering organisation or the relevant industry sector
- equipment
- maintenance
- travel
- publication and dissemination costs
- web-hosting and web development specific to the project.

POST APPLICATION

Funding is awarded to UQ, which administers it according to the grant. Before funding is provided by the ARC, the university must enter into a Collaborative Agreement with all of the partner organisation/s and other collaborating higher education organisations. Standard provisions in the Collaborative Agreement address:

- background intellectual property – may be licenced to collaborators for the purposes of the project
- new intellectual property generated during the course of the project – negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Students own copyright of their thesis although if necessary, the thesis may be examined and stored under confidentiality provisions

- publication – partner organisations may be given a right to review material before publication and delay publication until appropriate intellectual property protection is obtained, however publication can not be prevented indefinitely
- partner contributions, reporting requirements and research plan that must coincide with the ARC Funding Agreement and Application
- UQ's head agreement with the ARC for Linkage Projects forms the framework for the agreement with the partner organisation
- the terms of the head agreement are not subsequently negotiable.

Prospective partner organisations can find the pro forma agreement on the ARC website.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS, ECONOMICS & LAW (BEL)

The BEL Faculty has a long history of successful research partnerships with local businesses, multinational corporations, governments, NGOs, non-profits, and other research institutions. Our researchers are keen to undertake further collaborations to provide highly translatable outcomes to business and the community.

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