BACKGROUND
The CSP is an initiative of OCSE which provides – on a competitive basis – funding support for research conferences to be held in NSW in areas of relevance to the NSW Premier’s Priorities (document can be found here).
The CSP is highly competitive and, as such, applications will be judged not solely on their own merit, but in relation to other applicants. The judging panel comprises NSW Office of Science & Research staff, as well as other independent panellist/s.

FUNDING
The total funding pool is $150,000. Each successful applicant will receive up to $10,000, depending on the quality and quantity of applications received. Funds can be expended on any aspect of conference organisation occurring in NSW.

GUIDELINES
Guidelines for Applicants – Conference Sponsorship Program is available for download here.
The application must be signed by at least one of the conference organisers.

Tips for applicants
- The application form should be filled in correctly and with as much detail as possible within the word limit allowed
- Focus should be on explaining why the conference is important, and how it would benefit NSW (for example, its alignment to the NSW Premier’s Priorities)
- The budgets outlined should not contain discrepancies, and should clearly outline why sponsorship is needed, and how grant monies would be spent

In a highly-competitive round, the panel will give special consideration to conferences that:
- Are held regionally (outside of Sydney)
- Are of high economic benefit to NSW (tourist revenue generated from conference attendees, or flow on benefits of the conference being held in NSW)
- Present significant opportunities for the NSW research community (new research, innovation, partnerships, international linkages etc.)
- Are based on issues that are of importance or relevance to NSW (areas of priority for the NSW Government, or issues that are of significant importance to the broader community)
- Involve many and/or diverse delegates (number of interstate/international delegates, and diversity of attendees' backgrounds such as academia, industry, public sector agencies etc.)

ENQUIRIES
Please email reaserch-grants@uow.edu.au if you have any further enquiries.
Those intending to apply must complete a UOW External Research Grants Submission Form and provide the final application for review to RSO contact, Rochelle Waren, by 10:00am 8 Nov 2017. Visit the following website for further details: http://www.chiefscientist.nsw.gov.au/investing-in-science/conference-sponsorship-program