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ARC Linkage Projects Scheme

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WHAT IS THE ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS SCHEME?

The Australian Research Council (ARC) is the Commonwealth government entity that awards grants on a competitive basis to research projects through its Linkage and Discovery Programmes.

The ARC Linkage Projects Scheme supports cost-effective long-term strategic research and development. Linking UOW with partner organisations, the Scheme funds collaboration for projects that seek to acquire new knowledge, and involve risk or innovation to solve real-world challenges and achieve wide-ranging national benefit. Projects may not be of a scope that would ordinarily be carried out as contract research.

Projects can run for 2-5 years with annual ARC funding of \$50,000 - \$300,000, allowing partner organisations to leverage up to four times their cash input.

The ARC funding and partner organisation cash contributions support the direct costs of research. This may include salaries, equipment, maintenance, consumables and travel required to successfully complete the Project.

Partner organisations will also benefit from the time and expertise of UOW academic staff and project management support, as well as access to world-class research infrastructure.



Associate Prof. Melanie Randle is working with industry partners CareSouth, William Campbell Foundation, and CatholicCare.



Prof. Kristine French is working with industry partner Australian Plague Locust Commission

WHO CAN BE A LINKAGE PARTNER?

- Public and private sector companies
- Not-for-profit organisations and charities
- State, Territory or Commonwealth government organisations

Note: Restrictions apply to partner organisations whose funds are appropriated predominantly from government funding sources for the purposes of research.

BENEFITS OF PARTNERING WITH UOW

UOW performs strongly in Linkage Projects, developing long-term strategic alliances with industry and end users to achieve impactful outcomes.

Linkage Projects are cost-effective and can bring broad benefits:

- A significant return on investment – leverage up to 4 times your cash input and access tax and cash flow benefits for eligible R&D activities through the R&D Tax Incentive
- Enhanced reputation through partnership with an innovative Australian university, recognised internationally as a leader in research excellence
- Access to UOW's world-class academic expertise and infrastructure to develop new knowledge and solutions to challenges and add value to your products & services
- Opportunity to engage with high-quality UOW postgraduate researchers through a Linkage collaboration, and potentially recruit them to your organisation

WHAT ARE LINKAGE PARTNERS REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE?

Partner organisations must be supportive and engaged with the Project, and are encouraged to participate in the shaping of research questions and methodology.

Partners are required to contribute a combination of cash and in-kind support to at least match the funds being requested from the ARC. This can be shared if there are multiple partners. The cash contribution is a minimum of 25%, though a higher commitment of cash enhances the competitiveness of proposals.

Note: Organisations such as not-for-profits, charities, start-up companies, small business, and museums/herbaria are exempt from investing cash.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Applications may be submitted at any time, and UOW will coordinate each submission.

On award, UOW enters into a contract with the ARC stipulating that the project may not commence until a written agreement has been reached between UOW and the Partner Organisation(s).

Ownership of the intellectual property generated through Linkage Projects can be negotiated, and will consider the contributions of the parties involved and the outcomes of the Project. The result should be beneficial to all parties.

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SOME UOW LINKAGE PROJECT PARTNERS:

- ANSTO
- Australian Grain Technologies
- Australian Plague Locust Commission
- Australian Surf Life Saving Australia
- BlueScope Steel
- Cancer Council NSW
- CatholicCare
- NSW Office of Environment and Heritage
- Roads and Maritime Services
- Taronga Conservation Society
- Wollongong City Council
- Zoos Victoria

COVER IMAGE: Distinguished Professor Buddhima Indraratna, one of UOW's most prolific Linkage awardees, pictured with the Rail Track Process Simulation Apparatus in the SMART Infrastructure Facility.

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