COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE PROJECTS

Collaborate to innovate and build your competitive advantage

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Cooperative Research Centre Projects (CRC-Ps) represent an outstanding opportunity to strategically strengthen not only your own business, but your entire industry and our broader economy—with a scale of impact no one organisation could achieve alone.

Largely funded by AusIndustry, with varying levels of partner contributions, CRC-Ps are short-term collaborative research projects—identified and led by industry—that solve problems and deliver tangible outcomes for industry. Collaborators from academia, government bodies and the private sector work together closely to conduct cutting-edge research and translate it into productivity-boosting technologies, products and services, and capacity-enhancing education and training.

A focus on supporting our SMEs

All CRC-Ps must include at least one Australian small-to-medium enterprise (SME). Their involvement increases their capacity to grow and adapt in rapidly changing markets. It also ensures all education and training programs developed by CRC-Ps are relevant to the wider SME sector.

Our world-class researchers know what CRC-P success demands

Here at the University of Adelaide, we’re absolutely committed to partnering with industry, and have proven success in CRC-Ps. This includes in partnership with organisations such as: Boart Longyear Limited; Carina Biotech Pty Ltd; Environmental Copper Recovery SA Pty Ltd; Microbial Screening Technologies; Advanced Veterinary Therapeutics; and Australian Seafood Industries.

We’d be delighted to share the benefits of our experience, and research expertise, with you.
ONE HUNDRED PER CENT OF OUR RESEARCH IS RATED WORLD-STANDARD OR ABOVE. IN 41 DISTINCT FIELDS, IT’S WELL ABOVE WORLD STANDARD*. 

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REAP THE BUSINESS BENEFITS

Partnering with the University of Adelaide in a CRC-P will enable you to:

• find innovative solutions to your industry’s current and emerging challenges
• strengthen your competitiveness and productivity
• initiate and/or strengthen a long-term strategic relationship with our University and other key players in your industry, including end users
• access our state-of-the-art research laboratories, equipment and related facilities
• build your own staff’s professional and research capabilities, in line with your industry’s future workforce needs
• enhance your standing as an employer of choice.

Your involvement could also qualify you for the Australian Government R&D Tax Incentive.

CRC-Ps are open to all industries and research disciplines and should work with the Australian Government’s Industry Growth Centres to develop research outcomes that meet identified industry strategic priorities. In addition to specific priorities identified for each application round, the current priorities include:

- advanced manufacturing
- cyber security
- food and agribusiness
- medical technologies and pharmaceuticals
- mining equipment, technology and services
- oil, gas and energy resources.

**Partner eligibility**

CRC-P’s must be led by an Australian industry partner with an ABN. That could be a sole trader, partnership, cooperative or company. It’s also essential that they include no fewer than two Australian industry partners, with at least one being an SME. And there must be a minimum of one Australian publicly funded research organisation involved, such as a university or government body (e.g. the CSIRO).

Overseas organisations are welcome, so long as it can be demonstrated that their involvement will bring clear benefits for Australian industry.

**CRC-P funding allocations**

The CRC-P scheme provides grants of $100,000 to $3m (total) for projects of up to three years, which is leveraged with cash and in-kind contributions from all consortium participants. The grant amount can be no more than 50% of the eligible project value.

**Funding uses**

CRC-P funding, including consortium participants’ cash contributions, can be used for direct project costs such as:

- eligible personnel’s salaries
- contractors’ fees
- equipment and consumables
- maintenance
- education and training
- research translation
- intellectual property
- essential travel
- engagement with SMEs to build their R&D capacity.
Partner contributions
All CRC-P consortium participants are required to contribute resources to the project. The combined value of these contributions—cash and in-kind—must at least match the total CRC-P funding requested.

Industry Partners’ project-specific in-kind contributions can include:
- staff time
- access to facilities, equipment and databases
- analytical and other services
- equipment
- materials and consumables
- patents and licences
- software
- travel.

It’s important to note, however, that cash contributions, particularly from Industry Partners, are viewed favourably in proposal assessments.

INDICATIVE CRC–P TIMELINE

MARCH OR SEPTEMBER
(2 ROUNDS PER YEAR)

+ 3 MONTHS

+ 3–6 MONTHS

SUBMIT APPLICATION

PROPOSAL OUTCOME NOTIFIED BY AUSINDUSTRY

IF PROPOSAL ACCEPTED, PROJECT COMMENCES

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

IP arrangements in CRC–Ps are negotiated on a project-by-project basis, taking into consideration each party’s proposed research and contributions, and formalised in a CRC–P Partner Agreement. Here at the University of Adelaide we have considerable experience in this area, so rest assured we’ll work with you to ensure all parties benefit.
LET’S TALK
If you’re interested in establishing a CRC-P in partnership with the University of Adelaide, we’d be delighted to explore any and all opportunities—and help you take the next steps.

To apply for a CRC-P project

Our Research Services team manages all CRC-P applications for the University. They can provide resources and support; review proposals and project suitability; and advise on Grant Guidelines, application competitiveness strategies, contractual requirements and Industry Partner eligibility and contributions.

Email: crcgrants@adelaide.edu.au
Phone: 08 8313 3534
Website: www.adelaide.edu.au/research-services/find-opportunities/major-initiatives/cooperative-research-centres-projects-crc-ps

To partner with us in other ways

Contact our Innovation and Commercial Partnerships (ICP) team. ICP facilitates engagement between our research community and industry or government. They can provide advice on pursuing contract research, consulting and tender opportunities, as well as additional options for research industry engagement.

Email: businessdevelopment@adelaide.edu.au
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To commercialise our research

Our ICP team also oversees all commercialisation of the University’s intellectual property, including patenting, licensing and the formation of spin-out companies.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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CRC-P Grant Guidelines

Industry Growth Centres
industry.gov.au/strategies-for-the-future/industry-growth-centres

Australian Government R&D Tax Incentive