WORKING WITH INDUSTRY - RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. **AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC) LINKAGE PROJECTS**

Provide support for collaborative research and development projects between higher education organisations and industry partners that aim to acquire new knowledge through innovation.

In order to meet the shorter time frame required of Partner Organisations, *Linkage Projects are now accepted any day by the ARC, and are assessed relatively quickly. Either declared immediately unsuccessful within days or assessed further for a decision within weeks.*

The selection criteria have changed, and this includes some types of Partner Organisations that do not have to provide a cash input to make an application successful.

The focus of this workshop will be on the new changes, finding and working with a Partner Organisation, and highlighting all the points that make an application competitive.

2. **ARC INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION RESEARCH PROGRAM**
   - **TRAINING CENTRES**

Fostering close partnerships between university-based researchers and other research end-users to provide innovative Higher Degree by Research (HDR) and postdoctoral training for the end-user focused research industries vital to Australia's future.

Funding for up to $1M pa is provided for: 10 HDR scholarships; 3 post-doctoral fellowships; and project costs.

   - **RESEARCH HUBS**

Supporting collaborative research activity between the Australian higher education sector and industry designed to focus on strategic outcomes not independently realisable.

The ARC will provide funding from $500k-$1M pa for 3-5 years, Partner Organisation(s) with greater than 100 employees are required make a cash contribution at least 75% of the total funding requested from the ARC.

3. **COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES (CRC) PROGRAMME**

Part of the Australian Government research and Innovation agenda for 25 years, supporting medium-long term collaboration between industry and research organisations.

Traditional CRCs can be funded for up to 10 years and have no upper funding limit.

The newly introduced CRC-Projects are for shorter, (up to 3 years) collaborations and up to $3 million can be requested.

4. **NATIONAL INNOVATION AND SCIENCE AGENDA**

**R&D TAX INCENTIVE**

Murdoch University is a registered Research Service Provider (RSP) and partner organisations may be eligible for the R&D Tax Incentive available through the Australian Taxation Office and Aus-Industry. It is advised that companies seek their own taxation advice concerning this program.

**GLOBAL CONNECTIONS FUND: PRIMING GRANTS**

Enhancing collaboration specifically between Australian small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and researchers.
Provides up to $7,000 to enable Australian small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to meet with new international researchers OR Australian researchers to connect with international SMEs.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS FUND: BRIDGING GRANTS

Designed to support international SME-Researcher partnerships grow beyond an initial level of engagement such as might be developed during a Priming Grant funded process.

Provides up to $50,000 to support international SME-Researcher partnerships grow beyond an initial level of engagement such as might be developed during a Priming Grant funded process.

REGIONAL COLLABORATIONS PROGRAMME

A $3.2 million four-year programme run by the Australian Academy of Science to support single-year or multi-year collaborative, multi-partner projects and non-project aligned collaborative workshops. The programme will fund Australian participants from eligible organisations to collaborate with regional and international science, research and innovation partners on solutions to shared regional challenges within the Asia–Pacific regions.

INNOVATION CONNECTIONS

Assists small and medium sized businesses (SMEs) access expertise and identify growth opportunities. This programme has three types of Innovation Connection Grants: the placement of a researcher in the business (up to a maximum of $50,000); the placement of a business' own research employee into a Publicly Funded Research Organisation (up to a maximum of $50,000); the employment of a graduate or post graduate in to the participant's business (up to a maximum of $30,000).

INDUSTRY GROWTH CENTRES

Industry-led approach driving innovation, productivity and competitiveness by focusing on areas of competitive strength and strategic priorities.

The Initiative is ongoing with $250 million in Australian Government funding over the four years from 2016/17 to 2019/20. Growth Centres are established to deliver the Initiative in six industry sectors of competitive strength and strategic priority:

- Advanced Manufacturing;
- Cyber Security;
- Food and Agribusiness;
- Medical Technologies and Pharmaceuticals;
- Mining Equipment, Technology and Services; and
- Oil, Gas and Energy Resources.

5. OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (NHMRC)

- PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

Provides funding and support to create new opportunities for researchers and policy makers to work together in defining research questions, undertaking research, interpreting findings and implementing policy and practice.

The NHMRC will provide a maximum $1.5 million for up to five years.
- DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Development Grants scheme provides financial support to individual researchers and/or research teams to undertake health and medical research within Australia at the proof-of-concept stage that specifically drives towards a commercial outcome within a foreseeable timeframe. 1 to 3 years

SME CONNECT - SIEF STEM+ BUSINESS

Provides a mechanism for Early Career Researchers (ECR) to build new skills and relationships with industry via the Science and Industry Endowment Fund. The SIEF STEM+ Business Fellowship Program is being facilitated by CSIRO's SMEconnect team on behalf of the SIEF Trustee.

Facilitators work with businesses and research organisations to establish projects and facilitate financial assistance in the form of a SIEF STEM+ Business grant of up to $105,000 per annum.

INNOVATION VOUCHERS – WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The IVP is a competitive grant program established by the Western Australian Government with the aim of enabling small to medium enterprises (SMEs) to improve their capability and commercialise their ideas/innovations through accessing and establishing collaborative relationships with research providers and/or specialist commercialisation support services or undertaking internal innovative projects.

The level of funding support available under the IVP is up to a maximum of $20,000 per application over 12 months.

GROWER GROUP R&D GRANTS PROGRAM

Available to WA-based grower groups, to stimulate research, innovation and collaboration along the supply chain.

Funding: $20,000 to $500,000 each from a total of $10.5 million

Applications closed: Friday 10 February 2017

INDUSTRY GRANTS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM

For agribusinesses looking to maximise international business growth

Funding: $20,000 to $100,000 each from a total of $1.3 million

Applications closed: Friday 24 January 2017

ACCELERATING COMMERCIALISATION

Accelerating Commercialisation provides access to expert guidance and grants to help businesses commercialise their novel products, processes and services. Accelerating Commercialisation offers the following services and grants to successful applicants:

- Commercialisation Guidance
- Accelerating Commercialisation Grants
- Portfolio Services.

This grant provides projects up to 50% of the expenditure to a maximum of: $250,000 for commercialisation offices and eligible partner entities; $1 million for all other applicants. Accelerating Commercialisation Grant recipients will also receive Portfolio Services for the duration of the project.