



Australian Government
**Department of Industry,
Science and Resources**

Business Grants Hub

Sample application form

Cooperative Research Centres Grants Round 27 – Stage 2

This document shows the questions included in the online application form for this grant opportunity. It will help you prepare your responses and the mandatory attachments you need before you apply online.

Instructions

The online form captures the information required by the department to assess and manage your application for services and funding.

The first page of the application page contains the following instructions.

Internet browsers supported by the portal

We recommend that you use the following browsers for optimum functionality:

- On Windows: The latest versions of Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome and Microsoft Edge
- On Mac: The latest versions of Safari and Google Chrome

Selecting a program

On the following page you must enter your details and then select the program you are applying for.

Are you eligible to apply?

Before you start your application, you must answer some questions to self-assess whether you are eligible to apply.

Completing your application

The application consists of separate pages, shown in a navigation menu on the left hand side of the portal page. You can navigate between pages using the menu or the buttons at the bottom of each page.

A warning message may appear if you have not completed all of the mandatory questions or if there is an issue with information you have entered. If a question is not mandatory it will be clearly marked – Optional.

Saving your responses

Once you start your application, you can save your changes at any time by using the Save button.

To prevent you losing your work you should save often. The portal will time out after 30 minutes if you do not save. Typing or moving your mouse does not reset the time out.

You must use the Save and Continue button to validate the information on each page. A tick indicates a validated page.

You can modify saved responses up until you submit your application.

Participants

Once you start your application, you may invite others to assist, via the application summary page. To do this:

- select the Application summary link at the top of the page
- select the Participants button
- enter the details.

An email will be sent to the participant inviting them to access the application.

Saving with multiple participants

If more than one participant is working on your application at the same time you cannot save simultaneously. You should coordinate your entries to prevent losing your work.

Submitting your application

You must complete every page of the application before you can submit.

You must also read and agree to the declaration which advises you of your responsibilities.

Check all your answers before you submit your application. After you submit, it will no longer be editable.

Getting help

If you require further assistance completing your application, [contact us](#) by email or web chat or on 13 28 46.

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A. Program selection

Before you start your application, we need to first identify what type of entity is applying.

As per the CRC Round 27 Guidelines, you must apply as a group of collaborators using your planned CRC name as the application entity.

For your CRC Stage 2 application –

When asked “are you a trustee acting on behalf of a trust?”, select “no”.

When asked “do you have an ABN?”, select “no”.

When asked “what type of entity are you?” select “CRC bid group”.

When asked “Why do you not have an ABN?” select “None of the above”.

Note: further applicant profile questions requiring an ABN in this section are not relevant for this CRC Grant opportunity.

Before you start you should have the following details ready if they are applicable to you.

- Australian Business Number (ABN)
or
- Australian Company Number (ACN)
- Indigenous Corporation Number
- Australian Registered Body Number
- Australian Registered Scheme Number
- Incorporated Association Registration
- Co-operative Registration Number
- Charity status
- Not for profit status

Where applicable, international organisations will need to provide

- country of registration
- registration number

If you do not have an ABN we will ask you why you do not have one. You should note the following.

If you are entitled to an ABN and do not provide it to us, we will be required to withhold 47 per cent from any grant funds you may be awarded. If you intend to apply for an ABN you should do so before starting your application as you cannot update these details in the application form. If you apply for an ABN after you start your application you will need to start again.

A.1. Program selection

You must select from a drop-down menu the program that you are applying for. If you have been provided with an Invitation code, you will be able to enter it here which will select the program for you.

- Field 1 select - Cooperative Research Centres Grants Round 27 - Stage 2

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- Field 2 select - Cooperative Research Centres Grants Round 27 – Stage 2

When you have selected the program, the following text will appear.

The Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Program provides funding for medium to long-term, industry-led research collaborations. The Program aims to encourage and facilitate small and medium enterprise (SME) participation in collaborative research.

You should read the [grant opportunity guidelines](#) and [sample grant agreement](#) before filling out this application. We recommend you keep the guidelines open as you are completing your application so you can refer to them when providing your responses.

You may submit your application at any time up until 5.00pm AEST on 17 September 2026. Please take account of time zone differences when submitting your application.

To prevent you losing your work you should save often. The portal will time out after 30 minutes if you do not save. Typing or moving your mouse does not reset the time out.

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B. Eligibility

We will ask you the following questions to establish your eligibility for Cooperative Research Centres Grants Round 27 grant opportunity.

Questions marked with an asterisk are mandatory.

Were you invited to submit a Stage 2 application for the CRC Grants Round 27 grant opportunity?*

You must answer yes to proceed to the next section.

You must have been invited to submit a Stage 2 application for CRC Grants Round 27 to be eligible for this grant opportunity.

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C. Applicant address

C.1. Applicant street address

You must provide your street address.

When you start typing the address in the field you can select the correct one from the drop down list that appears. If it is not there you can enter manually.

C.2. Applicant postal address

You must provide your postal address.

When you start typing the address in the field you can select the correct one from the drop down list that appears. If it is not there you can enter manually.

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D. Key contacts

You must provide the details of a primary contact for your application.

The primary contact is the person authorised to act on behalf of the applicant and we send all email correspondence to this person. If you are not the primary contact, we will send an email to this person to invite them to register as a participant in the application. It is important that they register, or our emails will not be received. We recommend you let them know this.

If these details change, inform us as soon as possible so emails can be redirected.

If this application is successful, the primary contact will also need to nominate an authorised signatory to accept an agreement with the Commonwealth. The primary contact will not be able to accept an agreement unless they invite themselves to be the authorised signatory as well.

Primary contact

- Title (optional)
- Given name*
- Family name*
- Phone number*
- Email address*
- Relationship to applicant*

E. Secondary contact

The secondary contact will only be used if necessary.

The secondary contact must be part of your CRC collaboration and will receive copies of CRC Program email correspondence. If these details change, inform us as soon as possible so emails can be redirected.

- Title (optional)
- Given name*
- Family name*
- Position title (optional)
- Email address*
- Phone number*

F. About your organisation

We collect the following data from all applicants. We use this data to better understand your organisation and to help us develop better policies and programs.

F.1. ANZSIC code

Provide the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) details for **your CRC's primary target industry**.

Provide the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification ([ANZSIC](#)) details for your organisation from a drop-down menu:

- your organisation's main revenue earning ANZSIC division.
- your organisation's main revenue earning ANZSIC class.

F.2. Indigenous organisations

Provide information on **your CRC's** indigenous ownership or control.

Is your organisation Indigenous owned?

An organisation is considered Indigenous owned where at least 51% of the organisation's members or proprietors are Indigenous.

Is your organisation Indigenous controlled?

An organisation is considered Indigenous controlled where at least 51% of the organisation's board or management committee is Indigenous.

G. Project information

On this page you must provide the detailed information about your proposed project.

If your application is successful, we will publish some grant details on [GrantConnect](#) and other government publications. Published details include:

- *name of the grant recipient*
- *a project title*
- *a brief project description and its intended outcome*
- *amount of grant funding awarded.*

G.1. Project title and description

Provide a project title.*

Your response is limited to 75 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

Your project title is your CRC name and must include “Cooperative Research Centre” or “CRC”.

Provide a brief project description for publication.*

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

Ensure your project description focuses on your project’s key activities and outcomes. Outline what it is you are going to do and how it will benefit your industry.

G.2. Detailed project description and key activities

This information will be included in your grant agreement if your application is successful.

Provide a detailed description of your project and key activities.*

Your response is limited to 5000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

This should include a succinct summary of the proposed CRC, its objectives, research outcomes and impacts including:

- *the industry problem to be solved*
- *the scope of the CRC; the names and outline of the research programs, research methodology and key activities to address the problem; and any links with growth sectors*
- *what does success look like? Provide a clear outline of the outputs of the collaborative research program, including the expected results such as new and/or improved goods, services, processes and/or technologies derived from the CRC.*

G.3. Updates from your Stage 1 application

In this section provide your response to Stage 1 feedback and changes to the CRC proposal since the Stage 1 Application. Provide:

- a response to Stage 1 feedback from the CRC Advisory Committee*

Provide a thorough response to any committee feedback, including context and detail.

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Your response is limited to 10,000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

- a summary of any significant changes to your proposal since the Stage 1 application*

Include any changes to the research programs, grant request, partners or, contributions below.

Your response is limited to 10,000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

- a description of any significant developments in your area of research nationally/internationally that impact on this CRC proposal*

Your response is limited to 10,000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

G.4. Project duration

Your project may not be more than 10 years (120 months) or less than 3 years (36 months) in duration. The project start date must be 1 July 2027.

The project duration will be calculated by the start and end dates you enter.

- Estimated project start date*
- Estimated project end date*
- Estimated project duration (in months)

G.5. Project location

You must provide the address where your project will be undertaken and the estimated percentage of project value expected to be undertaken at that site. If you have multiple sites you must add the address of each site.

A project location must be a street address. Do not provide a postal address, institution or building name.

Include the proposed location of your CRC headquarters as your first entry. Ensure you include industry locations (e.g. demonstration sites) as well as research locations.

- Project site address
- Estimated percentage of project value expected to be undertaken at site

G.6. Disclosure of financial penalties

Have any of your board members, management or persons of authority been subject to any pecuniary penalty?

A pecuniary penalty is a monetary penalty that can be civil, criminal or administrative, imposed by a Commonwealth, state, or territory court or entity.

If yes, provide details of the penalty.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

G.7. Foreign affiliations

Does your project receive any funding or non-financial support from a foreign source?

If yes, provide details of the foreign financial support.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

Do any entities or key personnel involved with the project receive financial support or benefits from a foreign source?

If yes, provide details of the arrangement.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

Do any entities or key personnel involved with the project have any current or former association with a foreign talent program?

If yes, provide details of the foreign talent program.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

Do any entities or key personnel involved with the project have any ties to a foreign government, military or state-owned enterprise?

If yes, provide details of the affiliations or associations.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

G.8. National security plan

Do you have a plan to manage any potential security risks associated with the project and your organisation more broadly?

You should follow the [Guidelines on Security in the CRC Program](#) available at business.gov.au. Plans should be consistent with the [Australian Government's Protective Security Policy Framework](#) and address risks relating to export controls, intellectual property protection, espionage and foreign interference and unwanted transfer of technology, data or other knowledge.

We will ask for a copy of your plan later in this application form.

H. Research Alignment

H.1. National Reconstruction Fund Priority Areas

Indicate the priority areas of the National Reconstruction Fund the CRC will contribute to.*

- value-add in resources
- value-add in agriculture forestry and fisheries
- transport
- medical science
- renewables and low emission technologies
- defence capability
- enabling capabilities
- not applicable.

Further information on the National Reconstruction Fund priority areas is available at www.industry.gov.au.

H.2. National Science and Research Priorities

Indicate the National Science and Research Priorities the CRC will contribute to.*

- Priority 1: Transitioning to a net zero future
- Priority 2: Supporting healthy and thriving communities
- Priority 3: Elevating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge systems
- Priority 4: Protecting and restoring Australia's environment
- Priority 5: Building a secure and resilient nation.

Further information on the Science and Research priorities is available at www.industry.gov.au

H.3. Other Government Priorities

There may be other government priorities the CRC addresses. Please list up to ten of these below.

Basis for Government priority (report, statement, etc.)

Your response is limited to 100 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

I. Key personnel

Details of key staff, including roles, responsibilities and experience: Key staff must include at a minimum the CRC Board Chair, CEO, research program leaders and industry leads. This section may also include other personnel such as directors, business/commercialisation managers and industry leaders. There should be an emphasis in the proposal on relevant experience for the roles.

List up to ten people who will be the key personnel in the proposed CRC. The percentage of time commitment to the CRC is based on all commitments, not just research (a full-time employee is 100%).

At Stage 2 you are expected to identify all key staff types as listed above.

Key Personnel 1

Role*

Name*

% of time commitment to the CRC*

Organisation*

Describe relevant experience*

The following list of attributes and skills includes both researchers and non-research skill and experience. Address the areas in the list below relevant to the role.

- *details of their specific leadership experience, with an indication of items/projects/enterprises where leadership of both researchers and industry was involved*
- *ability to build and manage collaborations across industry, government, and/or research institutions*
- *relevant experience in identifying, protecting and managing IP and in commercialising research outputs*
- *summary of formal qualifications (including discipline/field, organisation, country, year awarded)*
- *summary of professional experience or track record, academic, research and impact of contribution over the past five years (key positions held, relevant dates, roles, responsibilities and achievements)*
- *summary of contribution to the relevant research field, including evidence of their capacity to conduct high quality, innovative research, and evidence of their national and/or international research standing in areas relevant to the proposal*
- *summary of research supervision and mentoring achievements across their career.*

Your response is limited to 4000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

Describe contribution to CRC*

Based on the above information, detail the key personnel's roles and the contribution they will make to the proposed CRC's activities. Include which research programs they will be involved in (e.g., Research Program 1 and Research Program 3).

Explain how their time commitment will be structured (e.g. does 50% mean 2.5 days per week or six month continuous period), how this will be managed, and justify their capacity to support the proposed CRC. Detail other commitments external to the CRC which the key personnel will be involved in.

Your response is limited to 5000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

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J. Project budget

Total Commonwealth funding sought - Enter the amount of grant funding you are requesting. Validations will limit your request to be within the grant opportunity guidelines.

Partners are required to contribute total cash and in-kind resources at least equal to the grant funding sought. Each partner is required to make contributions to the CRC. Signed partner declarations are required to be provided by the required number of individual signed partner declarations, which together have contributions (cash and/or in-kind) which at least match the grant funds requested.

Later in this form you will upload your CRC budget and milestones spreadsheet. This includes an annual breakdown of expenditure and partner contributions, as well as milestones over the life of the CRC.

The total contributions of each partner in the CRC budget and milestones spreadsheet must match the total partner contributions in any signed partner declarations provided.

The partner and third party totals from your CRC budget and milestones spreadsheet will be used to fill the tables below.

Total partner contributions - Provide the total of all partner contribution amounts over the life of the CRC for cash, staff FTE dollar value, and non-staff in-kind dollar value.

Total Third Party contributions - Provide total third party contribution amounts over the life of the CRC in the categories of cash, staff FTE dollar value, and non-staff in-kind dollar value.

Note: Partner cash contributions are cash monies provided by project partners to a CRC for the purposes of undertaking the agreed CRC project; In-kind contributions are the non-cash contributions; Staff FTE dollar value is calculated using the labour calculations in Appendix C of the grant opportunity guidelines. Allowable in-kind contributions are detailed in Appendix D of the grant opportunity guidelines.

Third party organisations do not need to supply a partner declaration. They may be parties involved for short periods, or organisations unable to provide a partner declaration. Any specified Third Party contributions will not be used for eligibility purposes when ensuring matching funding to the grant request.

Total Project Cash expenditure is equal to Partner Cash, Third Party Cash and Total Commonwealth Funding Sought.

Due Date – put in the end date of the CRC which you use on the Project Information screen.

Project Budget Summary

- Total Project Cash*

Total Commonwealth Funding Sought (\$AUD and GST exclusive)*

Total partner contributions

- Cash*
- FTE value*
- Non-staff In-kind*

Total third party contributions

- Cash*
- FTE value*
- Non-staff In-kind*

K. Project Partners

You must confirm each partner organisation is aware of their obligations under the CRC Grant Opportunity Guidelines and subject to this application being successful:

- will support and actively participate in the proposed project
- will contribute the staff, funds and other resources indicated in the application and has obtained, or will obtain, the necessary authorisations to do so.

By checking this box I can confirm all project partners are aware of and agree to the above statements.

L. Application finalisation

You must answer the following questions and add any supporting documentation required.

L.1. Conflict of interest

Do you have any perceived or existing conflicts of interest to declare?

Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for further information on your conflict of interest responsibilities.

If yes, describe the perceived or existing conflicts of interest.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

If yes, describe how you anticipate managing this conflict.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

L.2. Additional information

Attach additional supporting documentation here. You should only attach documents that we have requested. Any additional attachments other than the impact tool, CRC budget and milestones spreadsheet (Stage 2) or partner declarations will not be considered as part of the application and will not be considered by the CRC Advisory Committee.

The total of all attachments cannot exceed 50 MB.

Individual files must be smaller than 25 MB, and be one of the following types: docx, rtf, pdf, xlsx, csv, jpg, jpeg, png, gif.

Filenames should only include letters or numbers and should be fewer than 40 characters.

- Impact Tool

You must provide a completed impact tool template showing the pathway from the CRC's inputs to its impacts. The template is available from business.gov.au.

- CRC budget and milestones spreadsheet (Stage 2)

You must provide a completed CRC budget and milestones spreadsheet showing a detailed breakdown of project milestones, partners, partner contributions and eligible expenditure over the life of the project. The template is available from business.gov.au.

- Partner declarations

You must provide the required number of individual signed partner declarations, which together have contributions (cash and/or in-kind) which at least match the grant funds requested, on the template from business.gov.au.

You can group partner declarations together provided attachment size limits are not exceeded.

- National Security Plan

You must provide a national security plan that addresses risks relating to export controls, intellectual property protection, espionage and foreign interference, and unwanted transfer of technology, data or other knowledge. The national security plan should also support your response to the assessment criteria.

L.3. Program feedback

Your responses help us improve the design and delivery of programs. They will not affect the assessment or outcome of this application.

How did you hear about this grant opportunity?

You must select from a drop-down menu.

Did you read the grant opportunity guidelines?

You must select from a drop-down menu.

If yes, how useful were the guidelines in completing your application?

We welcome any additional feedback on the guidelines.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

How satisfied were you with the process of applying for this grant?

You must select from a drop-down menu.

We welcome any additional feedback on the application process.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

M. Declaration

In order to submit your application you will be required to agree to the following declaration.

M.1. Privacy and confidentiality provisions

I acknowledge that this is an Australian Government program and that the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the department) will use the information I provide in accordance with the following:

- [Australian Government Data and Digital Strategy](#)
- [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles](#)
- grant opportunity guidelines
- applicable Australian laws.

Accordingly, I understand that the department may collect, use and share my personal information provided in this application within this department and other government agencies:

- a. for purposes directly related to administering the program, including governance, research and the distribution of funds to successful applicants
- b. to facilitate research, assessment, monitoring and analysis of other programs and activities
- c. for the purposes of due diligence, preventing, detecting, investigating or dealing with suspected fraud in grant applications and related processes

unless otherwise prohibited by law

I understand that where I am successful in obtaining a grant, the financial information that I provide for the purposes of payment will be accessible to departmental staff to enable payments to be made through the department's accounts payable software system.

I understand that information that is deemed 'confidential' in accordance with the grant opportunity guidelines may also be shared for a relevant Commonwealth purpose.

The department will publish information on individual grants in the public domain, including on the department's website, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

M.2. Applicant declaration

I declare that I have read and understood the grant opportunity guidelines, including the grant agreement, privacy, confidentiality and disclosure provisions.

I declare that the proposed project outlined in this application and any associated expenditure has been endorsed by the applicant's board/ management committee or person with authority to commit the applicant to this project.

I declare that the applicant will comply with, and require that its subcontractors and independent contractors comply with, all applicable laws.

I declare that the applicant and any project partners are not listed on the [National Redress Scheme](#) list of institutions, where sexual abuse has occurred, that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme.

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I declare that the applicant is not named by the [Workplace Gender Equality Agency](#) as an organisation that has not complied with the *Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012*.

I confirm that the applicant, project partners and associated activities are in compliance with current [Australian Government sanctions](#).

I declare that the information contained in this application together with any statement provided is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate, complete and not misleading and that I understand that giving of false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth)*.

I acknowledge that I may be requested to provide further clarification or documentation to verify the information supplied in this form and that the department may, during the application process, consult with other government agencies, including state and territory government agencies, about the applicant's claims and may also engage external technical or financial advisors to advise on information provided in the application.

I agree to participate in the periodic evaluation of the services undertaken by the department.

I approve the information in this application being communicated to the department in electronic form.

I understand that the applicant is responsible for ensuring that it has met relevant state or territory legislation obligations related to working with children, and that any person that has direct, unsupervised contact with children as part of a project under this grant opportunity, has undertaken and passed, a working with children check, if required under relevant state or territory legislation. The applicant is also responsible for assessing the suitability of people I engage in this project to ensure children are kept safe.

I acknowledge that if the department is satisfied that any statement made in an application is incorrect, incomplete, false or misleading the department may, at its absolute discretion, take appropriate action. I note such action may include excluding an application from further consideration; withdrawing an offer of funding; using the information contained in the application for a fraud investigation that would be consistent with the Australian Government's Investigations Standards and Commonwealth Fraud Control Framework and/or for a grant under management, terminating a grant agreement between the Commonwealth and the grantee including recovering funds already paid.

I declare that I am authorised to submit this form on behalf of the applicant and acknowledge that this is the equivalent of signing this application.

By checking this box I agree to all of the above declarations and confirm all of the above statements to be true.