



Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Program

Supporting industry-led
collaborations between
industry, researchers and the
community



About the program

The Cooperative Research Centres Program aims to:

- Improve the competitiveness, productivity and sustainability of Australian industries, especially where Australia has a competitive strength, and is in line with Government priorities.
- Foster high quality research to solve industry-identified problems through industry-led and outcome-focused collaborative research partnerships between industry entities and research organisations.
- Encourage and facilitate small and medium enterprise participation in collaborative research.

The Program has two elements:

- **Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) grants** support medium to long term, industry-led collaborations; and
- **Cooperative Research Centres Projects (CRC-P) grants** support short term, industry-led collaborative research.

Since its inception in 1990, the Cooperative Research Centres Program has committed \$5.3 billion in funding to support the establishment of 233 CRC Grants and 176 CRC-P Grants, making a

total of 409 collaborations funded over the program's lifetime. Partners have further committed \$16.4 billion in cash and in-kind contributions.

Eligible activities

Eligible **CRC grant** activities include medium to long term industry-led high quality collaborative research to solve industry identified problems and deliver outcomes consistent with Government Priorities, improving the competitiveness, productivity and sustainability of Australian industries.

Further details are available in the [CRC Grant Opportunity Guidelines](#).

Eligible **CRC-P grant** activities include a short term, industry-identified and industry-led collaborative research project to develop a product, service or process that will solve problems for industry and deliver tangible outcomes.

Further details are available in the [CRC-P Grant Opportunity Guidelines](#).

Who can apply

Program rounds can be open to all areas, targeted priority areas or a combination of the two.

CRC grants: Applications are submitted on behalf of a group who agree to collaborate.

An application must have among its partners at least:

- one Australian industry entity; and
- one Australian research organisation.

CRC-P grants: Applications are submitted by a lead applicant, which must be an industry entity. An application must have among its partners at least:

- two Australian industry entities (including at least one SME); and
- one Australian research organisation.

Applying for funding

Program funds are awarded through open competitive merit based funding rounds. **CRC grant** applications are generally called for once a year. **CRC-P grant** applications are generally called for twice a year.

The anticipated schedule for current CRC and CRC-P funding rounds, the application process and forms are available at business.gov.au.

For more information visit business.gov.au/CRC and business.gov.au/CRC-P or call **13 28 46**.