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International Clean Innovation Researcher Network Program (ICIRN)

Information session

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Acknowledgement of Country

Our department recognises the First Peoples of this nation and their ongoing connection to culture and country. We acknowledge First Nations Peoples as the Traditional Owners, Custodians and Lore Keepers of the world's oldest living culture and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Australia's climate ambitions



**Support the transition of
Australia's economy to net-zero
emissions by 2050**



**Re-establish Australia as a
global leader in responding
to climate change**

Australia has renewed
climate ambition, a
legislated 2030 target of
43% below 2005 levels
and net zero by 2050

A target for 82%
renewable penetration of
our national electricity
grid by 2030

To become a renewable
energy superpower that
will support jobs and
economic growth

International collaboration on clean energy

- Australia is acting on climate change at home and will work to be part of the solution globally.
- Clean energy and decarbonisation needs a global effort and we are working with international partners to strengthen research, develop and deploy clean energy technologies.
 - 8 clean technology partnerships – the US, UK, Japan, Republic of Korea, Germany, Singapore, India and the Netherlands.
 - Australia is highly active in international clean innovation forums driving policy development and technical innovation through Mission Innovation, the Clean Energy Ministerial, Breakthrough Agenda and the IEA's Technology Collaboration Programs.

Alignment with International Clean Energy Fora



International clean energy forums provide channels for global collaboration in technical innovation and development of public and market policy levers to accelerate deployment.



We are cooperating to support regional and global energy transformation, strengthen and diversify clean energy supply chains, collaborate on technology development and build new clean trade opportunities for Australia.



Our focus areas include hydrogen, solar PV, energy storage, green metals (steel and aluminium) and advanced renewable energy integration technologies.

Alignment with International Clean Energy Fora

Australia co-leads or participates across

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Missions



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Initiatives



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Breakthroughs



Technology Collaboration Programme
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International Clean Innovation Researcher Network Program

- Aimed at building and growing international networks of researchers working in clean innovation, including renewable energy, green metals, and their supply chains.
- The program will support the establishment of new or expansion of existing international researcher and industry networks focused on clean innovation.
- Networks developed from these grants should support Australian innovation and research contributions in international emissions reduction efforts, including actions aligned with multilateral fora.

**\$12.5 million program
over 4 years**
(out to 2026-27 financial year)

**\$200,000 to \$3 million
per grant**
(60% project costs)

Applying for grants

Eligibility, assessment and key dates

Eligibility

The project must:



Have over \$335,000 in eligible expenditure



Co-contribute at least 40% of eligible expenditure (cash or in-kind (20%)) – including partners



Project length over 12 months and complete by 31 March 2027

Eligibility

Eligible projects

- ✓ Establish a new or enhance an existing international researcher network **OR** expand an existing domestic network to include international partners
- ✓ Support Australian action through international partnerships or multilateral fora
- ✓ Collaborate internationally to develop new or existing joint research projects
- ✓ Have dedicated resources allocated to administer the network
- ✓ Present and promote research collaboration outcomes internationally
- ✓ Demonstrate industry support

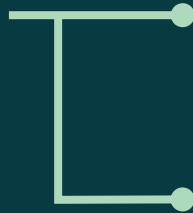
Eligible activities

- ✓ Development of domestic and international research partnerships
- ✓ Participation at or hosting of international events
- ✓ Support visiting researchers to undertake collaboration projects
- ✓ Communication material to promote international network or projects

Assessment Criteria

Criteria

Alignment with objectives



Examples

How this network will address at least one of the research areas, including renewable energy (solar, wind, storage or grid integration), green metals and their supply chains.

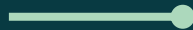
The international partner(s) or international program you will cooperate with, how it will enhance networks and collaboration within Australia and internationally, and how it will achieve outcomes.

Capacity and capability



The skills and experience of the project team and leadership, access to equipment, technology, etc.

Impact of funding



Your strategy to maintain momentum for the network beyond the term of grant funding

Joint Applications



We recognise that some organisations may want to join together as a group to deliver a project. In these circumstances, you must appoint a lead organisation.



The lead organisation must be Australian and meet eligibility requirements



Only the lead organisation can submit the application form and enter into the grant agreement with the Commonwealth.



Project partners are able make contributions to the project in cash or in-kind contributions. See guidelines for details.

Application process

- Visit <https://business.gov.au/ICIRN>
- We are seeking applications from Australian researchers, universities and companies

**Applications open
until 25 May 2023**



**Aim to announce
successful applicants
by July 2023**

Questions?

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