



## FACTSHEET

# Australia-China Science and Research Fund Joint Research Centres

*Joint Research Centres (JRCs) are virtual centres that link Australian and Chinese research institutions conducting a range of research-related activities in a specified field of research. JRCs enable a concentration of effort and achievement of outcomes beyond that of individual research projects.*

### *What does it offer?*

Grants of up to \$1 million are available, the grant amount will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs.

The maximum grant period is three years.

The program is ongoing with biennial funding rounds.

### *Priority Areas*

The priority areas for Round 3 of the ACSRF Joint Research Centres are:

- Advanced Manufacturing
  - Astronomy related technology, including big data
  - New materials in manufacturing
  - Cross-cutting technologies that will de-risk, scale up, and add value to manufactured products
- Medical Technologies and Pharmaceuticals
  - Effective technologies for individuals to manage their own health care
  - Better models of health care and services
- Resources and Energy
  - Low emission energy production from fossil fuels and other sources
  - New clean energy sources and storage technologies and demand response technologies that are efficient, cost-effective and reliable.

### *How does it work?*

To be eligible, your project must involve research in a priority area.

Additionally, your project must involve:

- a Chinese primary partner who has submitted, or is in the process of submitting, a corresponding application to the relevant Chinese organisation in accordance with any guidelines or instructions issued by the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST).
- an Australian end user or industry partner that can apply the research outcomes.

### *Who can apply?*

To be eligible you must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be registered for GST

and be one of the following eligible entities:

- a company, incorporated in Australia
- an incorporated not for profit company
- a Publicly Funded Research Organisation (PFRO) as defined in Appendix A of the Program Guidelines
- a Cooperative Research Centre
- an other Australian incorporated entity

### *Who is not eligible to apply?*

You are not eligible to apply if you are a non-Corporate Commonwealth entity.

### *What activities are eligible?*

Eligible activities must directly relate to the project and can include

- joint research projects with Chinese partners that directly relate to at least one of the priority areas of research announced for the funding round.
- conferences, workshops, symposia
- exchanges and secondments of personnel between Australia and China from the JRC's partners
- new research-related information sharing and communication initiatives
- application and commercialisation of research outcomes

We may also approve other activities.

### *How will my application be assessed?*

If eligible we will assess your application against the Joint Research Centre merit criteria.

To be competitive you must score highly against all of the following criteria

- The scientific merit of the proposed research, including the potential of the anticipated outcome to advance the knowledge base of the discipline, and its likely scientific impact (30 points)
- The ability of the centre to maximise the application and commercialisation of research outcomes (30 points)
- The contribution of the centre to building enduring Australia-China collaboration in a priority area of research (20 points)
- The capacity, capability and resources of all project partners to manage the JRC and deliver the activities (20 points)

### *What will I need to do if successful?*

You will need to sign a grant agreement with the Australian Government. The terms and conditions of the grant agreement are not negotiable.

### *How do I apply?*

You should read the [Program Guidelines](#) before you apply.

You can only submit an application during a funding round. We will publish the opening and closing dates for each round on [business.gov.au](http://business.gov.au).

To apply you must

- complete the online application form
- provide all the information requested and include all necessary attachments
- address all eligibility and merit criteria

submit your application by the advertised closing date

### *Where can I find more information?*

Visit [business.gov.au/ACSRFJRC](http://business.gov.au/ACSRFJRC) or call 13 28 46.