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Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Programme

This programme supports industry-led collaborations between industry, researchers and the community.

What does it offer?

The Australian Government's CRC Programme supports industry-led collaborations between industry, researchers and the community.

The CRC Programme aims to:

- Improve the competitiveness, productivity and sustainability of Australian industries, especially where Australia has a competitive strength, and 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; and
- Encourage and facilitate small and medium enterprise (SME) participation in collaborative research.

The CRC Programme has two elements:

- CRCs, which undertake medium to long term industry-led high quality collaborative research; and
- CRC Projects (CRC-Ps), which undertake a short-term, industry-identified and industry-led collaborative research project.

The government is currently supporting 36 CRCs who are undertaking industry led high quality collaborative research to solve industry-identified problems and deliver outcomes that will improve the competitiveness, productivity and sustainability of Australian industries.

In the first two selection rounds the government has supported 28 CRC-Ps to undertake industry-led collaborative research projects to develop a product, service or process that will solve problems for industry and deliver tangible outcomes.

What activities are eligible?

Eligible **CRC** activities include medium to long term industry-led high quality collaborative research to solve industry identified problems.

Eligible **CRC-P** 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 Programme Guidelines](#).

Who can apply for CRC Programme funding?

The CRC Programme is open to all industry sectors and research disciplines.

CRCs: Applications for CRCs will be submitted on behalf of a group who agree to collaborate.

A CRC application must have among its participants at least one Australian:

- industry entity; and
- research organisation.

CRC-P: Applications for CRC-Ps must be submitted by a lead participant, which must be an industry entity.

A CRC-P application must have among its participants at least:

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

CRCs cannot directly apply for CRC-P funding but may be involved in a CRC-P collaboration.

How can I apply for funding?

CRC Programme Funds are awarded through open competitive funding rounds.

CRC: Applications for CRC funding are generally called for once a year.

CRC-P: Applications for CRC-P funding are generally called for twice a year.

The anticipated schedule for future CRC and CRC-P funding rounds is available from [business.gov.au/CRC](#).

Information about the application process and forms are available on [business.gov.au/CRC](#).

How do CRCs work with Industry Growth Centres?

The CRC Programme complements Industry Growth Centres, a government initiative that will drive industry-led innovation, productivity and competitiveness by focusing on sectors of competitive strength and strategic priority. This will help Australia transition to smart, high value and export focused industries.

Growth Centres will set national long-term strategies for their sectors. Industry and researchers will be able to draw on this information to leverage funding through sources such as the CRCs.

Where can I find more information?

For more information on the CRC Programme, visit [business.gov.au](#) or call **13 28 46**.