



Strategic Research Funding Opportunities Calendar

Introduction

This Research Funding Opportunities Calendar provides an overview of open and upcoming key grants of interest to Southern Cross University. The focus is on **large grants and grants of strategic importance to University staff researchers**.

Student and non-research grants are not featured in this calendar.

Please note that for schemes that are not yet confirmed, the information below has been based on the previous round where available and that although a scheme may have been offered in a previous year, there is no guarantee that a granting body will offer a scheme in a given year.

Seeking other funding opportunities

The University has a subscription to the grant seeking database “**Research Professional**”. Researchers are encouraged to search the database and establish automated notifications to find additional funding opportunities of interest to their research and discipline area. Further information about Research Professional can be found via: <https://www.scu.edu.au/research/research-funding--contracts/research-professional/> *

Researchers can also find opportunities through a variety of other mechanisms such as:

- Subscribing to [GrantConnect](#) the Commonwealth government grants information system;
- Subscribing to or searching international databases like [Grants.gov](#) and [ProposalCentral](#) *;
- Signing up to mailing lists or newsletters of funding bodies and relevant academic or professional groups; and
- Setting Google alerts, using key terms associated with their areas of interest.

* When reviewing guidelines for funding from international sources please take particular care checking the eligibility criteria as it is not uncommon for eligibility to be restricted to researchers or research entities within particular countries or regions. Depending on the requirements of the scheme, it may be possible to collaborate on an application led by an in-country partner but in other cases it may not be.

Internal deadlines

This document contains minimum, mandatory timelines for notifying your Associate Dean of Research and the Grants and Contracts team about your intention to apply for the schemes listed. In all other cases, the following timelines apply:

- **6 weeks prior to external deadline = Notification Deadline.** Please email grants.contracts@scu.edu.au to advise your intention to apply for a grant, having already received your Associate Dean Research (ADR’s) (or that of your Head of Work Unit, if you are not in a Faculty structure) approval to apply; and
- **2 weeks prior to external deadline = Compliance Review Deadline.** Please email a complete, polished and peer-reviewed draft of your application to grants.contracts@scu.edu.au, along with a copy of all internal approvals required.

For further information, please contact the Grants and Contracts (G&T) Team via grants.contracts@scu.edu.au

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Australian Research Council (ARC) Grants					
ARC - Linkage Projects 2021	<p>Round 2: In principle approval by ADR, April at latest</p> <p>Notify G&C – 01/05/2021</p> <p>Round 3: In principle approval by ADR no later than 30 August 2021 Notify G&C – 01/09/21</p>	<p>O 18/12/20 C 16/12/21</p> <p>Assessment Round 1 – C 13/04/21</p> <p>Assessment Round 2 – C 16/8/21</p> <p>Assessment Round 3 – C 16/12/21</p>	The Linkage Projects scheme provides project funding of \$50,000 to \$300,000 per year for two to five years.	The Linkage Projects grant opportunity supports projects which initiate or develop long term strategic research alliances to apply advanced knowledge to problems, acquire new knowledge and as a basis for securing commercial and other benefits of research.	https://www.arc.gov.au/grants/linkage-program/linkage-projects
ARC - Industrial Transformation Training Centres 2022	<p>ADR and DVCR, in principle, approval no later than 21 April 2021</p> <p>Notify G&C: 1 May 2021</p>	<p>O 4/8/21 C 13/10/21</p>	The Industrial Transformation Training Centres scheme provides project funding of a minimum of \$650,000 per year for the first three years and \$150,000 in the fourth year.	The Industrial Transformation Training Centres scheme fosters close partnerships between university-based researchers and other research end-users to provide innovative Higher Degree by Research (HDR) and postdoctoral training, for end-user focused research industries that are vital to Australia's future.	https://www.arc.gov.au/grants/linkage-program/industrial-transformation-research-program/industrial-transformation-training-centres
ARC - Industrial Transformation Research Hubs 2022	ADR and DVCR, in principle, approval no later than 21 April	<p>O 4/8/21 C 13/10/21</p>	The Industrial Transformation Research Hubs scheme provides project funding of \$500,000 to \$1	The Industrial Transformation Research Hubs scheme provides funding to Eligible Organisations to engage in cutting-edge research on new technologies and economic, commercial	https://www.arc.gov.au/grants/linkage-program/industrial-transformation-research-

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	Notify G&C: 1 May 2021		million per year for three to five years.	and social transformation which support the development of research outcomes that benefit industry partners in the Industrial Transformation Priorities.	program/industrial-transformation-research-hubs
ARC - Australian Laureate Fellowships 2022	In principle approval by ADR and DVCR no later than 21 April 2021 G&C: 1 May 2021	O 1/9/21 C 27/10/21	Up to 17 five-year Australian Laureate Fellowships may be awarded each year, providing a salary supplement, in addition to a Level E professorial salary provided by the Administering Organisation; funding for up to two Postdoctoral Research Associates (five years) and two Postgraduate Researchers (four years); and up to \$300,000 per annum project funding.	Open to applications from the highest-quality researchers by providing eligible Australian Laureate Fellows with project funding in addition to a salary supplement and salary-related (on-cost) support.	https://www.arc.gov.au/grants/discovery-program/australian-laureate-fellowships
ARC - Discovery Early Career Researcher Award 2023	In principle approval by ADR no later than 30 June Notify G&C: 1 June 2021	O 8/9/21 C 17/11/21	It is anticipated that up to 200 three-year Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards, including up to \$50,000 per annum in project funds, may be awarded each year.	The DECRA scheme is a separate element of the Discovery Program. The DECRA scheme provides focused research support for early career researchers in both teaching and research, and research-only positions.	https://www.arc.gov.au/grants/discovery-program/discovery-early-career-researcher-award-decra
ARC - Future Fellowships 2022	In principle approval by ADR no later than 30 June Notify G&C: 1 July 2021	O 13/10/21 C 8/12/21	Future Fellowships provide four-year fellowships to outstanding Australian mid-career researchers. In addition, the ARC may award the Administering Organisation up to \$60,000 of non-salary funding per annum which may be used for personnel, equipment, travel and	At present many highly qualified mid-career researchers choose to work overseas to further their careers due to lack of opportunities in Australia. The Future Fellowships scheme addresses this problem and will expand knowledge base and research capacity in Australia; and economic, commercial,	https://www.arc.gov.au/grants/discovery-program/future-fellowships

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			field research costs directly related to the Future Fellow's research.	environmental, social and/or cultural benefits for Australia.	
ARC - Discovery Projects 2023 – New Projects	In principle approval by ADR no later than 31 August Notify G&C: 1 September 2021	O 10/11/21 C 23/2/22	The Discovery Projects scheme provides project funding of between \$30,000 and \$500,000 per year for up to five consecutive years.	The Discovery Projects scheme provides grant funding to support research projects that may be undertaken by individual researchers or research teams.	https://www.arc.gov.au/grants/discovery-program/discovery-projects
ARC - Discovery Projects 2023 – Rebids	In principle approval by ADR no later than 15 November 2021 Notify G&C: 22 November 2021	O 10/11/21 C 23/2/22	The Discovery Projects scheme provides project funding of between \$30,000 and \$500,000 per year for up to five consecutive years.	The Discovery Projects scheme provides grant funding to support research projects that may be undertaken by individual researchers or research teams.	https://www.arc.gov.au/grants/discovery-program/discovery-projects
ARC - Discovery Indigenous 2023	In principle approval by ADR no later than 30 September 2021 Notify G&C: 1 October 2021	O 24/11/21 C 16/3/22	The Discovery Indigenous scheme provides project funding of between \$30,000 and \$500,000 per year, inclusive of a DAATSIA salary for up to five consecutive years.	The Discovery Indigenous scheme provides grant funding to support research projects led by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researcher.	https://www.arc.gov.au/grants/discovery-program/discovery-indigenous
ARC - Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities 2023	In principle approval by ADVC, Prof Les Christidis no later than 15 November 2021 Notify G&C: 22 November 2021	O 27/1/22 C 6/4/22	Minimum \$150,000 per year. Maximum 75 per cent of the total direct cost of the eligible budget items. Duration of project is most usually One year; however it can be one to five years if the application is for leasing infrastructure, equipment or facilities, the construction of	The Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities scheme provides funding for research infrastructure, equipment and facilities to eligible organisations. The scheme enables researchers to participate in cooperative initiatives so that expensive research infrastructure, equipment and facilities can be	https://www.arc.gov.au/grants/linkage-program/linkage-infrastructure-equipment-and-facilities

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			research infrastructure, or subscription or coordinated access to international facilities and major national facilities.	shared between higher education organisations and also with industry. The scheme also fosters collaboration through its support of the cooperative use of international or national research facilities.	
ARC - Centres of Excellence 2023	<i>Notifications closed (e.g. closure date for future rounds, mid Jan of EOI year)</i>	O 1/6/21* C 21/7/21* *EOI		ARC Centres of Excellence are prestigious foci of expertise through which high-quality researchers maintain and develop Australia's international standing in research areas of national priority. Through the ARC Centres of Excellence, significant collaborations occur between universities, publicly funded research organisations, other research bodies, governments and businesses in Australia and overseas, all to support outstanding research.	https://www.arc.gov.au/grants/linkage-program/arc-centres-excellence
National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Grants					
NHMRC - Investigator Grants	<i>Notifications closed</i>	O 3/2/21 M 3/3/21 C 31/3/21	Comprise of the researcher's salary plus a research support package from \$50k to \$600k	To support the research program of outstanding investigators at all career stages. Limits apply to the number of NHMRC grants that a CI may concurrently hold and/or apply for.	https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/find-funding/investigator-grants-2021-funding-commencing-2022
NHMRC - Synergy Grants	<i>Notifications closed</i>	O 24/2/21 M 24/3/21 C 21/4/21	Up to \$5M 5 years	Multidisciplinary research that addresses major problems in all areas of human health and medical research, from discovery to translation, and highly collaborative teams of diverse working	https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/find-funding/synergy-grants

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				together to address major problems in human health. Must include between four and 10 chief investigators.	
NHMRC Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants	<i>Not yet confirmed</i>	To be provided			
NHMRC IDEAS grants	<i>Notifications closed</i>	O 10/3/21 M 7/4/21 C 5/5/21	Duration of funding = 1 to 5 years The amount of funding for an Ideas Grant is based on assessment of the requested budget.	The expected outcomes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • innovative and creative research • funding of researchers at all career stages, and • funding any area of health and medical research from discovery to implementation. The scheme provides particular opportunities for early and mid-career researchers. It is expected that the CIA will have the capability to lead the team in achieving the project aims. The Ideas Grant scheme is not intended to support research where a clinical trial or cohort study is the primary objective. Applicants conducting projects which incorporate elements of clinical trial and/or cohort study must consider whether the project goals are more applicable to the Ideas Grant or Clinical Trials and Cohort Grant schemes.	https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/find-funding/ideas-grants

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NHMRC - Development Grants	<i>Notifications closed</i>	O 21/3/21 M 26/5/21 C 16/6/21	Funding allocated based on assessment of the requested budget. Reduced funding does not reduce the scope of the proposed activity. 2020: 1-3 years; budget based on application. \$15M pool	Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to increase, facilitate and expedite the translation of health and medical research outcomes through to commercialisation, within a foreseeable timeframe to support proof-of-concept research with a feasible commercialisation pathway and a high likelihood of producing protected IP Max. number of Chief Investigators is 10. No specific information supplied yet No limits on the number of D	https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/find-funding/development-grants

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NHMRC - Postgraduate Scholarships	<i>Notifications closed</i>	O 14/4/21 M 12/5/21 C 09/6/21	2020 information: Up to 3 years - maximum period of 3 years FTE study for PhD degree, and 2 years for a Research Masters degree. CI would receive stipend, allowance (\$2,500 p.a. for relevant expenses and a \$500 one-off payment towards costs of thesis presentation Relevant stipends: - Priority (\$36,863 in 2021) - nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, pharmacy and other allied health graduates registered to practise in Australia at the time of application. Standard (\$28,602 in 2021) - non-allied health and non-medical/dental graduates.	Funds successful applicants to attain a research based postgraduate degree (Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or a Research Masters Degree) but must not have exceeded 12 months in the PhD or 6 in the Research Masters. Hons students in final year may also apply. Categories of research include four broad research streams – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health; Public Health and Health Services Research; Clinical Medicine and Science Research; and Dora Lush Basic Science Research No details available yet. In 2020 – one per round per applicant	https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/find-funding/postgraduate-scholarships
Other Grants					
Cooperative Research Centres Projects - CRC-P	In principle approval by ADR and notification to G&C within 2 weeks of round opening	O TBA C TBA <i>Generally, there are two CRC-P</i>	Matched funding of between \$100,000 and \$3 million. Grants are for up to 3 years.	CRC-P Grants provide funding for short-term research collaborations for an industry-led research collaboration with at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Australian industry organisations, including at least 1 small to medium-sized enterprise 	https://www.business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Cooperative-Research-Centres-Projects-CRCP-Grants

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		<i>rounds a year. One in spring and one in Autumn.</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Australian research organisation. 	
Cooperative Research Centres - CRC		Round 23 Stage 1 O TBA 2021 C TBA Stage 2 O TBA 2021 C TBA 2022	Support medium to long term industry-led collaborative research, for up to 10 years.	CRC Grants provide funding for medium to long-term, industry-led research collaborations. CRC's must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be a medium to long-term industry-led collaborative research program aim to solve industry identified problems and improve the competitiveness, productivity and sustainability of Australian industries include an industry-focused education and training program, including a PhD program that builds capability and capacity increase research and development (R&D) capacity in small to medium enterprises (SMEs) encourage industry take up of research 	https://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/cooperative-research-centres-crc-grants#at-a-glance
NSW Department of Primary Industries NSW Fishing Trust	To be confirmed	To be advised	Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small projects - seeking less than \$10,000 of funding Large projects - seeking more than \$10,000 of funding 		https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0018/1153143/Recreational-Fishing-Trusts-funding-guidelines-September-2020.pdf
Queensland Government	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	https://advance.qld.gov.au/open-grants

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Advance Queensland Grants					
Queensland Department of Education Education Horizon Grants	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	The department's Education Horizon research grant scheme funds high-quality local research that aligns with the government's priorities and the department's priority research themes. Queensland researchers with a Queensland-based sponsor organisation are eligible to apply	https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/reporting-data-research/research/research-funding/education-horizon
NSW Environmental Trust	To be advised	O – May 2021 C- 31 May 2021	To be advised	This year's theme is plant species in post-bushfire landscapes. More details will be made available when the grant round opens.	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/nsw-environmental-trust/grants-available/environmental-research
DFAT	Various	Various	Various	Various – but usually up to \$40,000 p.a. for max 3 years although Special Grant Rounds may be higher. Please read the guidelines for the specific grant round you are interested in. NOTE: Research is often not fundable.	https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/grant-opportunities/Pages/grants-programs
Hermon Slade Foundation	To be advised	TBA Jan 2022	The Foundation typically provides project grants up to A\$30,000 (ex GST) per year for up to three years.	The Hermon Slade Foundation supports activities that aim to improve systems of managing land, water, plants and animals in ways which will enhance the productivity and quality of food, fisheries, plants and forests, while simultaneously conserving the natural environment, preserving biodiversity, avoiding	http://www.hermonslade.org.au/apply/

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				pollution of soils and water, and enhancing human welfare.	
Australia-Pacific Science Foundation	To be advised	TBA Jan 2022	Typically the APSF provides project grants up to A\$15,000 (ex GST) per year for up to three years.	The Australia and Pacific Science Foundation awards grants that support high quality biological or biophysical research by institutions within Australia or other countries in the South West Pacific for activities within that region.	http://www.apscience.org.au/apply/

RESEARCH FUNDING WITHOUT REGULAR FUNDING ROUNDS		
Funding Body / Scheme	Description of funding	Website link
AgriFutures Australia	<p>Agrifutures funding is applied for by open call on particular topics and direct engagement with Agrifutures' Program Managers.</p> <p>The "For Researchers" section of the Agrifutures website contains information about available Open Calls and Requests for Quotations.</p> <p>The "New Research" section of the website contains corporate documents, such as the Agrifutures Strategic Plan, which can be reviewed to better understand the topics Agrifutures is interested in funding in the short and medium term.</p> <p>Please note: Researchers must obtain their ADR's approval before directly approaching a Program Manager with a proposal.</p>	https://agrifutures.com.au/researchers/new-research/
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research - ACIAR	<p>ACIAR does not have grant rounds and is highly relationship dependent. Projects are developed in the following stages:</p> <p>Concept Notes are written and submitted by Research Program Managers, not potential project leaders. Preliminary proposals are developed by the proposed Project Leader identified in the concept note, in conjunction with potential partners.</p> <p>Full proposals, which include a detailed budget and evidence of partner support, are further assessed by ACIAR staff before the ACIAR CEO considers the final proposal.</p>	https://aciarc.gov.au/funding/research-projects

PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATIONS		
All notifications to Grants and Contracts team required 6 weeks prior to submission, and will close for compliance review 2 weeks prior		Open rounds, if available, can be found:
Australian Executor Trustees	AET administers a number of philanthropic funds and trusts details of the areas of funding interest are available on the AET website	https://www.aetlimited.com.au/philanthropic-services/for-charities/grant-applications
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	This Foundation awards predominantly to organisations with s 501(c) tax status in the USA – which the university does not have – but proposals and applications for some grant rounds may still be considered	https://submit.gatesfoundation.org/
John T Reid Charitable Trust	<p>This Foundation distributes funding within 6 main categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged and Palliative Care • Arts and Cultural Heritage • Community and Social Welfare • Education and Youth Support • Environment • Health Support <p>The next round funding will be available June-July 2021</p>	https://www.johntreidtrusts.com.au/

Paul G Allen Family Foundation	<p>The PGAFF provides grants in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oceans • Climate • Conservation • Communities • Biosciences 	https://pgafamilyfoundation.org/
Perpetual's IMPACT Philanthropy Application Program	<p>Perpetual manages one of the largest philanthropic funds in Australia. The annual IPAP funding round opens at the end of October and closes in early December. Universities, hospitals and medical research institutes can submit one application per work unit up to a maximum of three applications annually.</p>	https://www.perpetual.com.au/financial-advice/supporting-not-for-profits/how-to-apply-for-funding-from-perpetuals-impact-philanthropy-application-program

INTERNAL SCHEMES

DVC(R) Industry Seed Grants	<p>Grants of up to \$15,000 will be made available on a competitive basis, for a collaborative project with matched cash funding from industry. Industry can be interpreted as any non-university organisation (eg. private company, government agency, etc). It is expected that these grants will be used for staged work that then positions the research team to secure further amounts of funding from external funding bodies, such as the ARC and NHMRC. Applications that do not include matched cash funding from industry will be considered on a case-by-case basis.</p>	https://www.scu.edu.au/research/research-development/dvcr-industry-seed-grant-scheme/
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