Give your organisation a real edge

Link with Monash University researchers via funding support from the Australian Research Council Linkage Projects Scheme
The ARC Linkage Projects Scheme can help you fund a collaborative research project with Monash University.

The scheme has been running for over 10 years. It was founded to give organisations a cost effective way to use high-quality research to uncover answers to difficult issues. In most instances, the findings provide partners with a specific strategic benefit or competitive advantage.

It’s a chance to gain a real edge in an increasingly competitive world. And, while there are many flow-on benefits, our priority is that Monash’s partner organisations derive a significant return on investment from the partnership.

The scheme has been set up to fund projects that involve risk or innovation. These can range from small-scale projects through to large multi-year engagements.

Monash University has historically performed very well in ARC Linkage Projects applications. In 2011 the Australian Research Council awarded a massive $123.6 million for over 400 projects nationally. Monash was awarded over $21 million in 2011 for over 40 projects.

**The benefits of working with Monash**

By partnering with Monash, your organisation gets:

- The opportunity to tap into Monash University’s research expertise and knowledge to develop ideas to a potentially commercial outcome.
- Expert advice and assistance with IP protection and commercialisation.
- Access to the University’s state-of-the-art laboratories and equipment.
- A cost-effective way for your organisation to engage in research.
- Possible eligibility for Australian Government R&D Tax Credits.
- A chance for your staff to gain the experience that will help them develop in their career.
- An opportunity to recruit talented Monash postgraduate and post-doctoral researchers to work within your organisation.

**Monash makes it easy**

Working with a large university can be a complicated process. The experts in our Industry Engagement and Commercialisation Group have a wealth of experience in these projects and make the experience as simple and rewarding as possible.

We connect you to the researchers best suited to the needs of your organisation. We provide advice on any matters such as IP and contractual requirements. And we can help you lodge the Linkage application.

Monash University is very proud of its track record in developing long-term strategic alliances with industry and end users to achieve positive outcomes. These include: Zoos Victoria, Victoria Police, FE Technologies and GlaxoSmithKline.
Zoos Victoria and Monash University

Zoos Victoria and Monash University have come together to fight the extinction of wildlife.

For Katie Pahlow, from Zoos Victoria, the ARC Linkage Projects Scheme laid the foundation for the success of the project.

“By collaborating with the Monash team, we were able to get the critical data we needed to better engage the community and get some strong conservation outcomes from our work in the zoo.”

For the Zoo, having data and reports they can constantly refer to will provide a foundation for growth and help them refine their efforts going forward.

It’s a relationship that continues to benefit both parties.

“Monash have been working with us as early as 2003 and in every project we’ve done with the project team they’ve gone above and beyond what we expected.”

“This partnership has also sparked new areas of interest and highlighted future areas of research.”

“Having a set team has benefits. They understand the vision, they understand what the organisation is doing and what they want to achieve.”

Victoria Police and Monash University

Victoria Police is using its partnership with Monash University to help counter terrorism and violent extremism.

Assistant Commissioner, Steve Fontana, is a former head of Victoria Police’s Counter Terrorism unit. He talked about the benefits of linking with Monash.

“The unit is looking at community attitudes towards terrorism. The project is helping us develop a better understanding of the causes of radicalisation and extremism.”

“We were also able to draw on the national and international perspectives Monash has developed through their global counter terrorism research centre. We’ve been able to draw on their networks. That has been fantastic.”

As a result of the ongoing project, Victoria Police is trialling a number of programs.

“The research has helped us understand how we should be engaging and connecting with the community.”

“It’s about recognising there are vulnerable people out there, a lot of vulnerable sections of the community and unfortunately some of those sections become overrepresented in violent crime and it’s a real struggle for those communities to come to terms with it.”

“We’re just trying to break the cycle.”

FE Technologies and Monash University

This scheme helps companies advance new product development by giving them access to cutting edge technologies.

For FE Technologies, it accelerated their development of new Radio Frequency Identification tags.

As Robert Reed explained, “RFID tags are intelligent bar codes. Retailers see the benefits. But the cost of the tag can be restrictive.”

“To make the tags available to more people, they needed to develop a new kind of tag, and a new tag reader.”

Enter Monash and Dr Nemai Karmaker.

Robert was impressed. “Six weeks after agreeing to work together we’d put in a successful ARC grant application. The University did most of the work on that, which worked pretty well.”

The ongoing project is separated into two principal areas. FE Technologies is concentrating on the research and development on the conductive inks and the production methods by which the tags will be produced. Monash has the responsibility of developing the reader.

“Our relationship with the researchers has been good and it’s worked really well. It’s important that we get commercial outcomes. Which they support.”

Monash research strengths

Monash conducts research across numerous fields of study – over 150 in all.

Broadly the four categories are: health and wellbeing, future technologies, sustainable environments and resilient cultures and communities.

For a complete list of our areas of expertise, please go to www.monash.edu.au/research/capabilities/for
At a glance

How it works
The ARC Linkage Projects Scheme provides the primary cash funding for the project. Partner organisations are required to provide a mix of cash and in-kind support. If multiple partners are involved, one may provide the cash and the other the in-kind support. The total commitment must at least match the total ARC funding requested. And, as a partner, you may also be eligible for the Australian Government’s R&D tax credits.

Who can apply?
Almost all public, private, community, government and not-for-profit organisations (both Australian and overseas) are eligible, provided they are not primarily funded for research or research-related activities by government.

When can I apply?
Contact Monash now to find out how to get started.

Find out more
To capitalise on partnering with Monash University in an ARC Linkage Project, please contact:

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How much do partners need to contribute?
Applications for ARC Linkage Projects typically close in November each year, with funding for successful projects commencing the following year. For the latest funding round dates, visit: www.arc.gov.au/media/important_dates.htm.


As a guide previous funding rules were:
- Minimum cash request of $50,000 and maximum of $300,000 per year
- Project duration of between two to three years.

Partner organisations are required to at least match the amount sought from the ARC through cash and in-kind support.

For example:
If $100,000 in funding is requested from the ARC, then the partner organisations must also collectively contribute $100K. At least $25,000 must be cash, with the balance to be made up in-kind.

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