



Industry Fellowships Program

The Australian Research Council's (ARC) Industry Fellowships Program aims to create a pathway to support academic researchers in establishing careers in industry, and industry-based researchers to work in university settings, with the aim of increased two-way mobility and skill-building in research collaboration, translation and commercialisation. The Industry Fellowships Program is also aimed at driving research collaboration, translation and commercialisation outcomes across a range of industry settings.

The Industry Fellowships Program is an integral part of the ARC's Linkage Program which promotes national and international collaboration and research partnerships between key stakeholders in research and innovation, including higher education providers, government, business, industry and end users. Through these partnerships, the ARC encourages the transfer of skills, knowledge and ideas as a basis for securing commercial and other benefits of research.

There are three Industry Fellowships Program schemes: Early Career Industry Fellowships, Mid-Career Industry Fellowships, and Industry Laureate Fellowships. All schemes seek to:

- develop a strong pipeline of researchers in Australia with capabilities in research collaboration, translation and commercialisation
- open up and maintain a diversity of career pathways traversing university and industry settings
- increase strategic engagement and alignment between universities and industry
- contribute to the solving of industry-identified challenges and opportunities
- create commercial, economic and other benefits for Australia through enhanced translation and commercialisation, including the development of start-up companies.

Early Career Industry Fellowships

The objectives of the Early Career Industry Fellowships scheme are to:

- develop the industry collaboration skills of early career researchers
- support early career researchers to achieve translatable and/or commercialisable outcomes.

Up to 50 Early Career Industry Fellowships may be awarded funding in a grant opportunity. The Early Career Industry Fellowships scheme provides funding for salary contribution for the Early Career Industry Fellow, for up to 3 years (full time equivalent), and project costs of up to \$150,000.

Mid-Career Industry Fellowships

The objectives of the Mid-Career Industry Fellowships scheme are to:

- strengthen the industry collaboration skills of mid-career researchers
- encourage uptake of a wider range of career options for established researchers
- supervise and develop future research and nurture their development of collaboration, commercialisation and translation skills
- deliver significant, actionable outcomes for industry partners and end-users.

Up to 25 Mid-Career Industry Fellowships scheme may be awarded funding in a grant opportunity. The Mid-Career Industry Fellowships provides funding for salary contribution for the Mid-Career Industry Fellow, for up to 4 years (full time equivalent), and project costs of up to \$290,000.

Industry Laureate Fellowships

The objectives of the Industry Laureate Fellowships scheme are to:

- provide leadership in the development of high quality and impactful collaborations between university and industry personnel
- fund significant programs of research that deliver step-changes across a variety of industry settings
- provide an excellent research training environment and exemplary mentorship to nurture the development of collaboration, commercialisation and translation skills among early career researchers and Higher Degree by Research students
- attract and retain, within Australia, outstanding researchers and research leaders of international reputation with demonstrated capacity for collaboration, commercialisation and/or translation.

Up to 8 Industry Laureate Fellowships may be awarded funding in a grant opportunity round. The Industry Laureate Fellowships scheme provides funding for salary contribution to the Industry Laureate Fellow, for up to 5 years (full time equivalent), project costs of up to \$1,500,000, up to \$20,000 per year to support ambassadorial work, stipend support for 2 Postgraduate Researchers, and salary support for 2 Postdoctoral Research associates.

For further information on the Industry Fellowships Program, including information on eligibility, refer to the relevant Grant Guidelines and Grant Agreements which are available on [GrantConnect](#).