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Applying for the NCRIS Support Program

The NSW Government, through the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer (OCSE), Investment NSW, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, invites NSW-based organisations currently, or who have previously, been under the Commonwealth Government's National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) to apply for funding under the NCRIS Infrastructure Support Program (NCRIS Support).

The NCRIS Support Program is a competitive program part of the Innovation Research Acceleration Program (IRAP) in the Future Economy Fund. The IRAP delivers a series of infrastructure support grants to enable the delivery of, and equitable access to, necessary research and innovation infrastructure.

The NCRIS Support Program will invest \$21.6 million in 2022/23 for NSW-based NCRIS research and innovation infrastructure facilities, equipment and technical expertise and initiatives related to infrastructure facilities funded and supported through the Commonwealth Government's 2021 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap. Funding through the NCRIS Support Program will enable NSW-based facilities to continue to operate and build capacity and capability – ensuring thousands of NSW researchers and industry have continued access to the critical infrastructure they need to undertake their important work.

NCRIS Support Program funded activities should contribute to the below outcomes:

Outcome 1: Increase the availability and use of open-access research and innovation infrastructure (e.g., facilities, equipment, resources, and expertise).

Outcome 2: Increase collaborative R&D and innovation within the NSW innovation community (academia, industry, government, non-government organisations and students).

Outcome 3:

- 1.a) Increase R&D output, translation, and other commercial outcomes and/or
- 2.b) contribute to a robust talent pipeline of technical skills and career pathways.

For further information about NCRIS Support, including eligibility and assessment criteria, please refer to the NCRIS Infrastructure Support Program Guidelines.

Grants provided for projects would be:

- a minimum of \$500,000
- a maximum of \$10,000,000
- paid over a maximum of 24 months or until 30 June 2025 Specified expenditure of NSW funds must align with conditions outlined in Section 3.2.

The application form must be:

- completed in full and within the word limit
- authorised by the project lead or representative of the lead organisation, and
- submitted electronically through SmartyGrants.
- Please answer all questions. You may refer to any of your supporting documents as attachments in your response.

Please provide concise and succinct responses.

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Where an application is not lodged through the SmartyGrants form, DEIT reserves the right to deem the application as non-conforming and can consider it at its absolute discretion.

Program Guidelines

[Future Economy Fund - IRAP NCRIS Support Program](#)

Closing Date

The closing date for EOIs is 10:00 AEST Thursday, 9 February 2023.

Next steps

Looking for assistance in applying?

At DEIT, we are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We encourage people with disability to apply. If you are a person with disability and require more information on adjustments and assistance to apply, please contact us at grants@chiefscientist.nsw.gov.au. Assistance in completing this application can be found at [Communities and Justice](#), [People with Disability Australia](#) or [Legal Aid](#).

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander check out [Aboriginal Affairs](#) or your country's [Aboriginal Corporation](#) to get assistance in the preparations of applications and grant program processes.

Impacts from COVID-19

DEIT is committed to responsible management of COVID-19. The project team must comply with any current government regulations as outlined by [NSW Health](#).

A) Applicant Identification

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Applicant Details

A1. Project Title *

A2. Applicant Project Lead Contact *

Individual Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

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A3. Project Lead Contact Position *

A4. Applicant Primary Address *

Address

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A5. Applicant Postal Address *

Address

A6. Project Lead Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

A7. Project Lead Email *

Must be an email address.

A8. Applicant Project Contact ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

A9. Applicant Primary Website (if available) *

Must be a URL.

A10. Does this project have a partnering individual or organisation? *

Yes No

A11. If so, how many project partners are there?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Project Partner/s Details (If Applicable)

A12. Partner Contact Person

Individual Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

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A13. Partner Contact Person ABN

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Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

A14. Partner Contact Person Position

A15. Partner Contact Person Primary Address

Address

<input type="text"/>
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A16. Partner Contact Person Primary Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

A17. Partner Contact Person Primary Email

Must be an email address.

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A18. Partner Contact Person Postal Address

Address

B) Program Grant Funding

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B1. How much funding is requested (\$500,000 - \$10,000,000)? *

Must be a whole number (no decimal place).

B2. Will the grant monies be used on activities undertaken within NSW, and on staff, students or equipment to be located in NSW? (Note: Proposals that propose spending grant funding on partners, activities or items outside of NSW will not be eligible (other than the purchase of equipment to bring to NSW or where a small portion of funding is required to support back office operational expenses in other jurisdictions to support the NSW-based facility). *

Yes No

B3. What are you seeking funding for? Choose all that apply: *

- major equipment upgrades or replacement, or equipment to increase the 'industry offering' of the facility
- laboratory facilities improvement to facilitate industry access
- developing new infrastructure facilities
- highly skilled technical experts where it can be shown that this enhances end-user access or outcomes from the equipment
- business development managers or industry application scientists employed by a university, research infrastructure facility or consortium to assist SMEs and companies to navigate the research pathways and access infrastructure
- specialised technologies and systems to facilitate researcher and industry access
- industry-focused collaborative programs driving access to infrastructure and commercialisation, which can be joint across facilities

C) Proposal Focus

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C1. Are you currently, or have previously been funded, under the Commonwealth Government's National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy? *

Yes No

C2. Provide details about previous NCRIS funding and assessments. *

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C3. Are you located in NSW or planning a major research/innovation presence located in NSW. Applicants must ensure grant monies are used on activities undertaken within NSW, and on staff, students, or equipment in NSW. *

- Yes No

C4. Provide details about any plans to locate to NSW. *

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Aligning to the investment plans in the 2021 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap

(Chapters 3 to 4)

C5. Does your proposal align to the investment plans in the 2021 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap? Select all themes that apply to your proposal.

(at least one of the technology themes identified in the NSW 20-Year R&D Roadmap, the NSW 20-Year R&D Roadmap and at least one of the priority industries, technologies or focus precincts listed in the NSW Industry Development Framework)

NSW 20-Year R&D Roadmap *

- Software
- Artificial intelligence
- Data analytics
- Quantum computing and devices
- Blockchain
- Robotics
- Communications, Sensing, Internet of Things
- Semiconductors
- Biochemical technologies
- Cell technologies
- Genetic and molecular technologies
- Nanotechnology
- Smart materials
- Circular economy
- Nuclear science
- Renewable energy generation
- Energy storage
- Power to X

Priority industries *

- Agriculture and agrifood
- Resources
- Defense and aerospace
- Clean energy and waste
- Medical and life sciences
- Digital systems and software
- International education
- Visitor economy

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Core enabling technologies *

- Digital technology
- Advanced manufacturing
- Biotechnology

Focus precincts *

- Aerotropolis
- Westmead
- Tech Central
- Renewable Energy Zones
- Hydrogen Hubs
- Special Activation Precincts
- Regional Job Precincts

2021 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap *

- Resources technology and critical minerals processing
- Food and beverage
- Medical products
- Recycling and clean energy
- Defence
- Space Environment and climate
- Frontier technologies and modern manufacturing
- Continental-scale observations
- Large-scale integrated datasets
- Physical collections and biobanking
- Software analysis tools and platforms

C6. Provide details about the focus area of your proposal. *

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D) Project Proposal

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Project Impact

D1. Provide an overview of the proposed infrastructure. Clearly describe how NSW NCRIS Support funding will be used, and if or how the project could be delivered without NSW NCRIS Support funding. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

D2. Please explain why NSW needs the proposed infrastructure and how the state will benefit from the investment. Clearly outline the economic, environmental and social benefits to NSW and any linkages to the Premier's Priorities. *

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D3. How does your proposal align to the investment plans in the 2021 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap and the NSW 20-Year R&D Roadmap and the NSW Industry Development Framework. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

D4. How does your proposal meet Outcome 1 for researchers, startups, and industry? Increase the availability and use of open-access research and innovation infrastructure (e.g., facilities, equipment, resources, and expertise) *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

D5. How does your proposal meet Outcome 2? Increase collaborative R&D and innovation within the NSW innovation community (academia, industry, government, non-government organisations and students) *

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D6. How does your proposal meet Outcome 3? a) Increase R&D output, translation, and other commercial outcomes and/or b) contribute to a robust talent pipeline of technical skills and career pathways. *

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D7. What are the long-term impacts of this investment for NSW and how will your proposal support the NSW economy into the future? *

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Deliverability

D8. Describe any co-investment and other commitments from partners. *

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D9. Describe the proposed operating model. *

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D10. Please explain why your organisation is best placed to deliver the proposed investment i.e., your expertise or industry knowledge; and track record of managing current facilities, projects or similar work/collaborations or for industry delivered proposals. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

D11. Describe how the proposed investment will drive your organisation's strategic vision. *

Word count:
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E) Supporting Documents

* indicates a required field

Required attachments

To assist with the assessment of your application, please provide the following support documents.

Please use the linked templates:

- [E3. NCRIS Support Risk Register Template](#)
- [E4. NCRIS Support Program Budget Template](#)

E1. A copy of a feasibility study or similar information *

Attach a file:

E2. A project plan for the project (including any supporting quotes or technical documents), with details on how the proposal would be implemented, including how the facility will engage researchers, startups and industry (e.g., proposed operating model), the requirements for successful implementation *

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Attach a file:

E3. A completed risk assessment template that identifies the risks and their mitigants and/or controls. Please use the template provided. *

Attach a file:

NCRIS Support Risk Register linked above

E4. A completed project financials template, including project cost estimates and sources of major inputs, cash flow projections, underlying assumptions for the project's lifecycle, and information on quantifiable benefits the project will create over the first four years (at a minimum). Please use the Excel template provide - NCRIS Support Program Budget Template *

Attach a file:

NCRIS Support Program Budget Template is linked above

E5. Evidence of financial viability if statements are not available, for example a signed statement from an external accountant. An audited financial statement must be provided for the last financial year *

Attach a file:

E6. Financing and funding arrangements that might be relevant for consideration under the project *

Attach a file:

E7. Confirmation of any co-contributions or commitments from partners to deliver the project, from the applicant and other sources (including letters of support) *

Attach a file:

Application Declaration

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Prior to application submission, the Applicant (Project Lead) should read the below declaration and complete if in agreement to these program requirements.

By agreeing to the below, I declare that:

- I have read and understood the funding guidelines with respect to assistance under this program
- All details in this application are true and complete

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- all named participants in the application have agreed that this application is an accurate representation.

I Agree *

Yes No

Project Lead Full Name *

Project Lead Position Held *

Date of Declaration *

Must be a date.