

MEDIA RELEASE

ATN RESEARCH LINKAGES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

From research as wide ranging as safeguarding Australia, to reducing the environmental impact of the Australian alumina industry to developing a new roofing product which will collect and store solar energy for heating, Australian Technology Network universities have been successful in the latest round of the Australian Research Council's (ARC) *Linkage Projects* programme.

With almost 50 per cent of the 139 bids successful, the ATN continues to build upon its reputation of building partnerships with industry and undertaking research which is relevant to the needs of our community.

In total, the funding represents \$13.4 million from the ARC, and \$16.7 million from industry partner contributions.

The ATN has a significantly higher growth rate in ARC funding than other universities, particularly in the area of discovery grants. As well we perform strongly in ARC linkage grants where the focus is on enterprise and community linkages.

In this latest round, among others, funding has been allocated for a research project, to be undertaken in partnership with RMIT, Worsley Alumina and Alcoa Alumina which will aim to reduce the environmental impact of the \$5.4 billion industry.

In conjunction with BHP Steel, the University of South Australia will undertake research which aims to develop a new roofing product which will collect and store solar energy for heating. The product integrates conventional roofing products into a solar collector and a heat store.

Researchers at QUT, in conjunction with four electricity transmission companies across Australia will undertake a project aimed at reducing the risk of blackouts through the development of on-line systems of modelling and monitoring of loads and power systems controllers.

The ATN as a network emphasises building partnerships with industry and communities in its research programs, and finding solutions with practical applications.

Income received from the *Linkage Projects* programme generally represents two to three times the proportion of ATN universities' total research income when compared to other Australian universities.

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ARC Grants Round 2 Summary

Administering Institution	Applications submitted	Applications Recommended	Success rate	Recommended ARC Funding over project life	Total Industry Partner Contributions
Curtin University of Technology	20	10	50%	\$1,596,811	\$2,795,130
Queensland University of Technology	38	19	50%	\$2,660,386	\$3,254,497
RMIT University	34	11	32%	\$2,838,221	\$2,672,821
University of South Australia	21	13	62%	\$2,819,537	\$3,296,755
University of Technology, Sydney	26	15	58%	\$3,436,203	\$4,641,765
ATN Totals	139	68	49%	\$13,351,158	\$16,660,968