Cooperative Research Centres Projects (CRC-P) – Round 2 – Opening of Applications

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science has launched the second round of the CRC-Projects (CRC-P) under the Cooperative Research Centres Programme. The CRC Programme aims to improve the competitiveness, productivity and sustainability of Australian industries. CRC-Ps are a stream of the CRC Programme. CRC-Ps are a single short term industry-identified and industry-led collaborative research project to develop a product, service or process that will solve problems for business and deliver tangible outcomes. Projects should benefit Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and increase their capacity to grow and adapt in changing markets. CRC-P round 2 applications are due externally 26 October 2016, 5pm AEDT (4pm Qld time).

Projects are for periods up to three years, with a maximum of $3 million (GST exclusive) available for each CRC-P.

Eligibility

The Programme is open to all industry sectors and research disciplines and funding is available to all industry, research and community sectors.

The CRC-P collaboration must at least match the amount of grant funding sought through cash and/or in-kind contributions. Whilst there is no minimum cash requirement, cash contributions (particularly from industry) will be viewed favourably.

Applications must be submitted by the Lead Organisation. The Lead organisation must be an Industry Entity (not a research organisation). Please note the funding guidelines (Clause 81) state that applications which are substantially the same as a previous ineligible or unsuccessful application may not be accepted.

A CRC-P must have at least:

- two Australian industry organisations including at least one small or medium-sized enterprise (SME) and
- one Australian research organisation.

For more detailed information and application documents, please see the CRC Programme website. For the Programme Guidelines, please click ‘Tell me more’ then scroll down and expand the ‘Key documents’ section. In this section, under the CRC Programme heading there are Programme Guidelines, which is the relevant document for CRC-Ps. Under the CRC-Ps heading, there are more specific FAQs and Factsheets which will assist with completing the application.

As part of the application, a UQ delegate must sign the Participant Declaration Form (seen under the Key Documents – CRC-Ps link described above).

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) has approved a Cash Commitment Proforma (CCP) process in which applicants to the CRC-P program may apply for support from UQ Central funds.

The amount of funding offered will be expected to generate a 4:1 return, and be matched 1:1 by cash contributions from UQ Schools/Faculties/Institutes participating in the proposal.

The Cash Commitment Proforma is available on the following secure link, for submission to UQR&I by no later than COB Wednesday 28 September 2016.

For any further enquiries, please contact UQR&I at CRCgrants@research.uq.edu.au.

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