

# Australian funding environment

**PACE-NET** PLUS



PACIFIC-EUROPE NETWORK FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

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# Strategic Research Priorities

<http://www.innovation.gov.au/Research/pages/StrategicresearchPriorities.aspx>

- Living in a changing environment
- Promoting population health and wellbeing
- Managing our food and water assets
- Securing Australia's place in a changing world
- Lifting productivity and economic growth

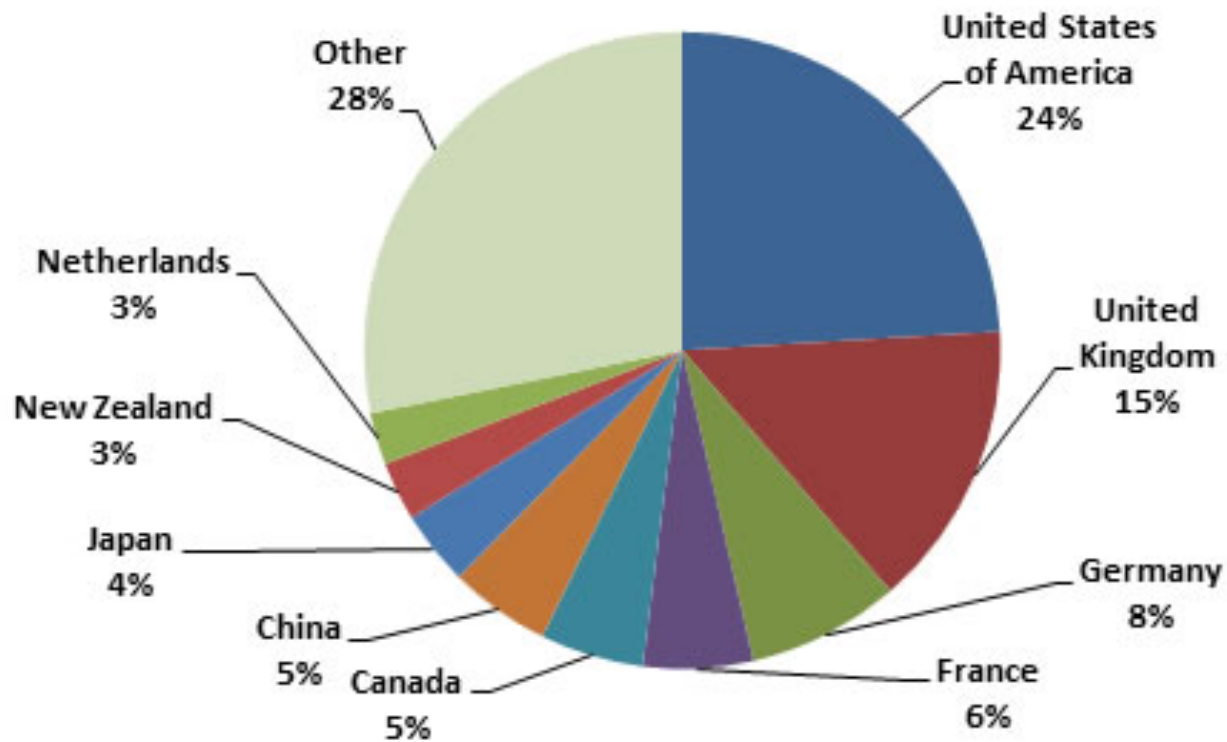
# Australian Research Council (ARC)

- Government authority that manages the National Competitive Grants Program
- All fields of research (except medical)
- International partners are welcome to participate, and may also be eligible to receive limited funding
- [www.arc.gov.au](http://www.arc.gov.au)



**Australian Government**  
**Australian Research Council**

# Percentages of collaboration with countries on ARC grants (2010-2014)





# ARC Linkage

## Linkage Projects

- Collaborative projects between HER and other sectors
- Partner organisations must contribute at least 20% of overall project costs (cash or in-kind)

## Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities

- Supports cooperative use of research facilities



# ARC Discovery

## Discovery Projects

- Blue-sky research in any field
- Funds can be used for access to international facilities
- International Collaboration Awards (ICAs) for Projects to enhance international collaborations



# ARC fellowships

## Discovery Early Career Researcher Award

- Early career, AUD130,000pa for 3yrs

## Future Fellowships

- Mid-career, salary plus some costs for 4yrs

## Australian Laureate Fellowships

- For senior research, up to 5yrs
- Funding for staff, project costs, salary supplement





# ARC Centres of Excellence

- Significant resources to maintain focus areas on world-class research
- Flexible, long-term funding, can be used to host international researchers

# National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

- Project grants, partnership grants, fellowships/scholarships
- For all grants, including fellowships, project leaders (CIA) must be Australian citizens or permanent residents
  - Exception: NZ citizens based in Australia
- Funding to Australian-based researchers only

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<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/>



# Cooperative Research Centres (CRC)

- Supports industry led research partnerships between publicly funded researchers, business and the community to address major long term challenges
  - develop new technologies and products
  - create new markets and export opportunities
  - build capability and capacity for industry through targeted education and training activities
- All fields of research

# Cooperative Research Centres (CRC)

- Co-investment from international organisations is welcome
- Funds (direct costs only) can be spent overseas where justified with benefits to Australia
- Up to 5 years

<http://www.crc.gov.au/>



# Rural R&D Corporations (RDC)

- Joint industry/government funding
- Agriculture, fisheries and forestry
- Funding for travel and exchanges  
(Aus residents only)

<http://www.ruralrdc.com.au/>

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# Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships

- For incoming & outgoing researchers
- Scholarships for PhDs
- Postdoc fellowships (4-6 months)
- Not all countries eligible, but includes most of the Pacific

<http://aei.gov.au/scholarships-and-fellowships>





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