

ARC Linkage-Projects – Industry Partner Grants 2009 Expression of Interest Funding Guidelines

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Quick Reference Guide

Grants available

These grants are for Victorian organisations deemed eligible by the Australian Research Council (ARC), who are applying for an ARC Linkage Project Grant for funding commencing in July 2010.

Key dates

Expressions of Interest close: 5pm Friday 31 July 2009

Announcement of successful applicants by VicHealth: 4 September 2009

Submission of final application to VicHealth for signature: 23 October 2009

Applications due at ARC: 18 November 2009

Announcement of successful applicants by ARC: May 2010

Commencement of funding if successful: July 2010

Applications

Applications must be submitted from researchers at an eligible administering institution in Victoria (see www.arc.gov.au) by **5pm Friday 31 July 2009**

Applications must be submitted **by email** as either a word or pdf document to: arclinkage@vichealth.vic.gov.au

Acknowledgement will be by return email. Late applications will not be accepted.

Further information

If you have queries after reading these guidelines, or wish to speak with VicHealth staff please contact Michele Agustin-Guarino at magustin@vichealth.vic.gov.au or on (03) 9667 1307

Further information about this funding round can be found at: www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/arc

About VicHealth

VicHealth is The Victorian Health Promotion Foundation, and is the peak body for health promotion in Victoria.

Health promotion is a powerful, cost-effective and efficient way to maintain a healthier community. It enables people to increase control over and improve their health. Rather than focusing on people at risk for specific diseases, health promotion involves the population as a whole in the context of their everyday lives. Activities are geared toward promoting health and preventing ill-health.

For further information about VicHealth, visit our website at: www.vichealth.vic.gov.au

About the ARC Linkage-Projects – Industry Partner Grants

These grants are for organisations applying for an ARC Linkage Project grant who wish to have VicHealth represented as an **industry partner** in their application to the ARC.

VicHealth is interested in being an industry partner for projects that will support health promotion and public health research and development.

As an industry partner VicHealth aims to:

- Encourage and develop strategic research partnerships between higher education institutions and practitioners and policy makers to advance knowledge in health promotion and public health.
- Support small cross disciplinary teams working on practical problems that have the potential to generate large health gains for Victorian population groups.
- Generating applied research outcomes that can be used to make a difference to the health of Victorians
- Generate research and knowledge that is immediately useful for health promotion practice.
- Increase the communication and translation of research in innovative ways
- Develop partnerships between policy makers, influencers, and practitioners

Funding Principles

1. Probity: transparent assessment process; CEO approval and reporting to the board
2. Internal Priority: a balanced number of projects from the range of VicHealth program areas as described in the funding guidelines
3. Quality of Research design: external assessment of expressions of interest from expert researchers in the field
4. VicHealth funding is contingent upon funding being granted by ARC for a linkage project

Funding Available

VicHealth has the capacity to fund projects with a budget of up to \$25,000 per annum, for a maximum of three years.

VicHealth will also provide an equivalent of in-kind support. This is to be negotiated with VicHealth as part of the development of the final ARC application.

Eligibility

Criteria for Chief Investigator

Funding will not be granted to any researcher who is in receipt of any support from the Australian Tobacco Research Foundation, or other like bodies.

Please note, Research Officers, Research Assistants, and current PhD students cannot usually apply as Chief Investigator for these grants.

Criteria for Industry Partner(s) other than VicHealth

Other industry partner(s) for the ARC Linkage-Projects seeking funding from VicHealth must not be in receipt of any support from the Australian Tobacco Research Foundation or other like bodies.

In the case of funds awarded from another source for the same research or a part of the research, it is incumbent upon the Chief Investigator to advise VicHealth as soon as possible. VicHealth requires information about the amount granted, research activities to be funded by the other source, and a revised budget with a summary of activity adjustments.

VicHealth Research Priorities

We are specifically interested in partnering research that relates to one or more of our current strategic priorities and research interests as described below.

Health inequalities

Research designed to build knowledge that supports:

- Improving the physical and mental health of those experiencing social, economic or geographic disadvantage
- Contributing to closing the health gap between Indigenous and non Indigenous Victorians

Participation

Research designed to build knowledge that supports:

- Increased participation in physical activity
- Increased opportunities for social connection
- Reducing race-based discrimination and strengthening cultural diversity
- Prevention of violence against women through increasing participation in respectful relationships
- Increased access to economic resources

Nutrition, Tobacco, Alcohol, and UV

Research designed to build knowledge that supports:

- Creating environments that improve health
- Increasing optimal nutrition
- Reductions in tobacco use
- Reducing harm from alcohol
- Reducing harmful UV exposure

Health Promotion Theory

- In addition to the above priorities, we are keen to partner with researchers exploring theoretical and practice issues associated with particular health promotion or public health methodologies such as communications and marketing for improved health, the role of evaluation in public health, or the efficacy of particular health promotion/public health models.

Assessment

Applications will be assessed by senior VicHealth staff as well as by external experts. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by 4 September 2009.

To be eligible for an ARC Linkage-Projects – Industry Partner Grant, applicants must apply for and receive an ARC Linkage-Projects grant.

What Will Not Be Funded

VicHealth will not fund:

- Bio-medical and clinical research that does not have a clear link to Health Promotion. In particular we will not fund laboratory-based science or health services research unless there is a strong justification for the relevance to health promotion.
- Research which does not demonstrate relevance to the discipline of Health Promotion
- Capital works (e.g. buildings or maintenance or purchase of major equipment, purchase and lease of land/vehicles)
- Commercial activities or individual persons
- Core organisational operating costs
- Organisations that accept any form of sponsorship or support from tobacco or alcohol companies
- Projects that are considered by VicHealth to be the funding responsibility of local, state or federal government (e.g. population based surveillance)
- Projects that have commenced or have already been funded to commence
- Videos, films, publications, conferences or travel in isolation of the specific project

Grant Conditions

Funding Agreements

Successful applicants will be offered a funding agreement outlining their obligations to VicHealth in return for funding of the project.

Conditions relate to:

- Timely completion of the project;
- Appropriate financial management (including timely reporting); and
- Compliance with VicHealth evaluation processes.

Final Offers

ARC announcement regarding successful applications is expected in May 2010. Applicants who are made an offer by ARC must notify VicHealth in order to proceed with the application process.