

# **ARC Linkage-Projects – Industry Partner Grants 2010 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 2011.

## Key dates

### Expressions of Interest close: 5pm Friday 25 June 2010

Announcement of successful applicants by VicHealth: 24 September 2010

Submission of final application to VicHealth for signature: 29 October 2010

Applications due at ARC: 17 November 2010

Announcement of successful applicants by ARC: May 2011

Commencement of funding if successful: July 2011

## Applications

Applications must be submitted from researchers at an eligible administering institution in Victoria (see [www.arc.gov.au](http://www.arc.gov.au)) to VicHealth by **5pm Friday 25 June 2010**

Applications must be submitted **by email** as a word document to: [arclinkage@vichealth.vic.gov.au](mailto:arclinkage@vichealth.vic.gov.au)

Acknowledgement will be by return email. **If you do not receive a return email, please call (03) 9667 1368 to confirm that the application has been received. 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 Meredith Martz at [mmartz@vichealth.vic.gov.au](mailto:mmartz@vichealth.vic.gov.au) or on (03) 9667 1368

Further information about this funding round can be found at: [www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/arc](http://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](http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au)

## About the ARC Linkage-Projects – Industry Partner Grants

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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

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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

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

## Eligibility

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### Criteria for Chief Investigator

This funding is for Researchers, based at any Victorian not-for-profit organisation, such as universities, research centres, government or non government organisations. The researcher may work in partnership with community organisations.

These grants are for both established and early career researchers who hold a PhD or equivalent post graduate qualifications and/or have a research history.

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

In the interests of equity, funding may be prioritised towards applicants who are not currently in receipt of VicHealth funding for any other project.

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 Key Result Areas**

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Applicants are advised to read VicHealth's Strategic Priorities 2009–2013 and Knowledge Policy, available from the VicHealth website alongside the application template and ARC Linkage-Projects – Industry Partner Grant guidelines.

### **Assessment**

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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 24 September 2010.

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

Expressions of Interest will be assessed as follows:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Alignment with VicHealth's Key Result Areas	50%
Evidence of a creative and innovative approach	10%
Demonstration of cross-sectoral and/or multi-disciplinary collaborations and partnerships	10%
The potential practical application of the research outcomes	10%
The applicants track record in research, and expertise in the area of enquiry	10%
The staffing, timelines and budget are realistic	10%

## What Will Not Be Funded

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### VicHealth does not provide funding for:

- Bio-medical and clinical research. In particular we will not fund laboratory based science or health services research unless there is a strong justification for the relevance to the social determinants of health.
- Research which is unrelated to the research priorities listed in these guidelines
- 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 companies or research income from the alcohol industry
- 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 already commenced, or initiatives that have been recently trialled
- Videos, films, publications, conferences or travel in isolation of the specific project

## Grant Conditions

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### 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 2011. Applicants who are made an offer by ARC must notify VicHealth in order to proceed with the application process.