



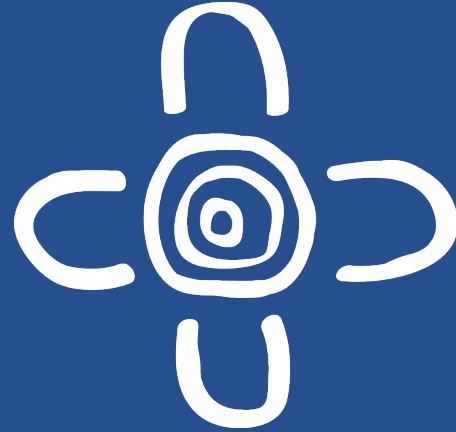
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Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Grants – Round 25

CRC Program

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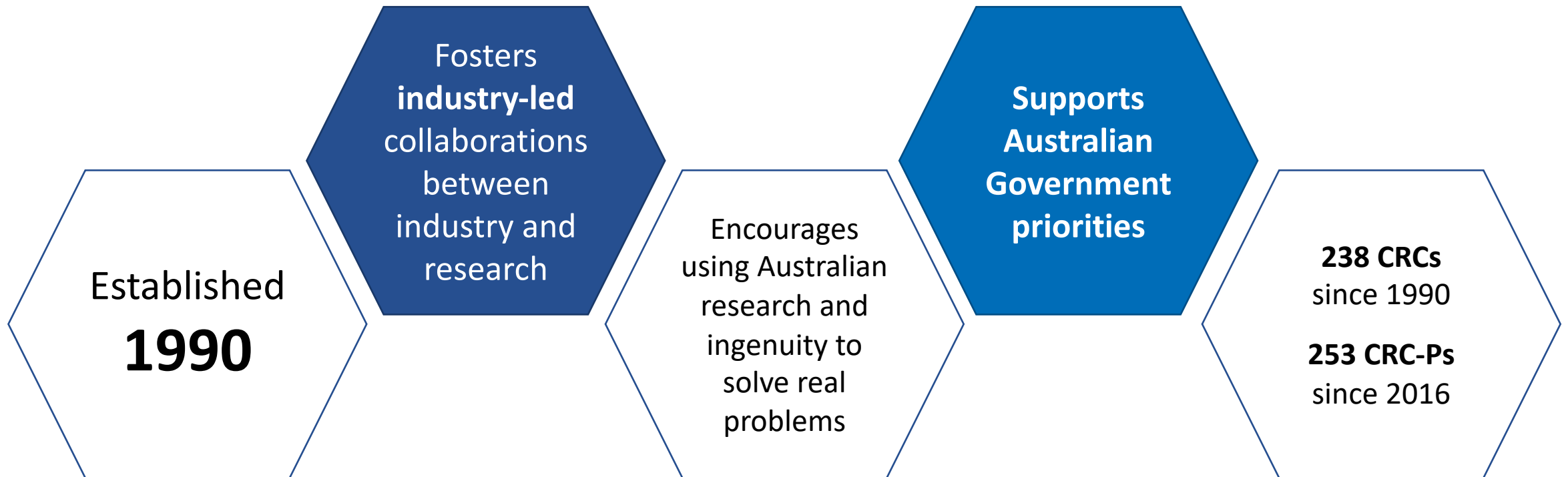


Acknowledgement of Country

Our department recognises the First Peoples of this Nation and their ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to the lands, waters, seas, skies, and communities.

We Acknowledge First Nations Peoples as the Traditional Custodians and Lore Keepers of the oldest living culture and pay respects to their Elders past and present.
We extend that respect to all First Nations Peoples.

Overview of the CRC Program



CRC Grants - Round 25 - Anticipated timeline

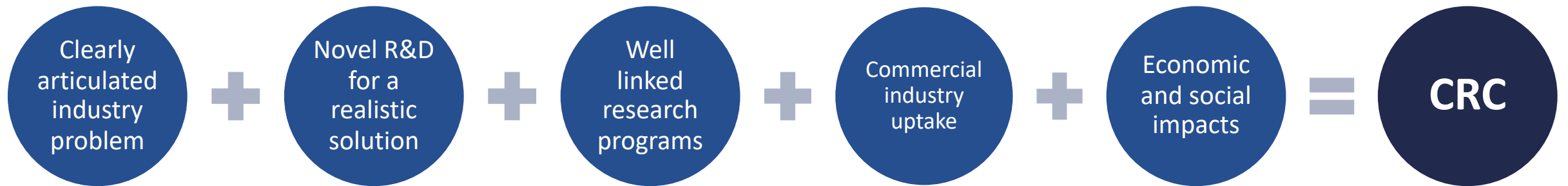


Overview of CRC Grants Eligibility

- Partners: at least **one Australian industry** and **one Australian research** organisation.
- Support **medium to long term industry-led collaborations** for **up to 10 years**.
- Grants up to 50% of eligible grant project value, with **no set funding limit**.
- CRCs must
 - aim to **solve industry identified problems** and improve the competitiveness, productivity and sustainability of Australian industries.
 - have an industry-focused **education and training program (incl. a PhD program)**.
 - increase **research and development capacity in SMEs**.
 - encourage **industry take up of research**.

Tips for applying

What makes a successful CRC?



What makes a CRC application competitive?

- Demonstrate the need for a CRC with industry commitment and desire for change.
- Clearly outline which Government priority areas the application aligns to.
- Identify the commercial potential of the project and the commercialisation pathway.
- Appropriate partners, resources, personnel and research to address the identified industry problem.
- Strong engagement from all partners with well-defined roles.
- Contextualise responses for the CRC, avoiding generic statements or unsubstantiated claims.

How should I pick my CRC partners?

- Beyond the relevant guideline requirement there is no set limit regarding the size or composition of a CRC. However, please be aware:
 - It's not a numbers game. Effective governance and management are critical.
 - The choice of partners and their contributions need to be fit for purpose.
 - Know your partners. Be mindful of associated risks (e.g. national security and protection of IP).
 - At the application stage, Third Party contributions **cannot** be used for eligibility purposes to ensure matching grant funding.
 - CRCs do not have “Lead Partners”. A true consortium is required for CRC success.

Are there any tips for writing an application?

- Look at the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, sample application form, sample grant agreement and any fact sheets.
- Provide sufficient detail and clarity against each of the assessment criteria. Avoid repetition.
- Use plain English and avoid using jargon and acronyms.
- Templates for Partner Declarations and Partner Contributions are provided on business.gov.au. Do not alter the format e.g. add conditions or unprotect spreadsheets



What should I check before submitting my application?

- Before submitting your application, check that:
 - All partner declarations are complete, signed and not amended from the required template.
 - All partners are contributing eligible cash or in-kind resources.
 - Partner contributions include sufficient detail and value justification to demonstrate Guidelines compliance
 - In-kind contributions must relate to eligible activities
 - Non-staff in-kind contributions must not relate to staff salaries (e.g. indirect costs)
 - No additional material is included in the application.
- If you are resubmitting an application, check that you have addressed all CRC Advisory Committee feedback.

How do I submit my application?

- Apply under your CRC name, not a partner's ABN.
- Applications are completed and submitted through the **secure online business.gov.au customer portal**.
 - The 'Apply now' section is visible on business.gov.au/crc when a round is open.
- No late submissions are accepted.
 - The customer portal **automatically closes** at 5pm on the closing date.
 - Allow enough time check your application and correct any errors before the closing time.



Where can I find more information?

- All of the information and resources for CRC Grants Round 25 are available at business.gov.au/crc.
 - CRC Round 25 Grant Opportunity Guidelines
 - CRC Grants – Fact sheet – Round 25
 - CRC Grants – Sample application – Round 25 – Stage 1
 - CRC Grants – Partner declaration template – Round 25
- You can also call us on 13 28 46.

Thankyou

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