Innovation Connections

We facilitate three types of IC matched funding grants:

- Researcher Placement Grant ($50k max)
- Business Researcher Placement Grant ($50k max)
- Graduate Employment Grant ($30k max)

Each business can receive up to $130,000 matched dollar for dollar by the business

For collaborative projects with CSIRO, universities and other research organisations

Innovation Connections Company Eligibility

- Operating in one of the 5 Industry Growth Sectors, or providing enabling services and technologies to companies within these sectors:
  - Advanced Manufacturing
  - Medical Technologies and Pharmaceuticals
  - Oil, Gas and Energy Resources
  - Mining Equipment, Technology and Services
  - Food and Agribusiness

- Turnover or expenditure between $1.5 million and $100 million under an ACN ($750k minimum in remote regions)
- Three years trading
- OR has received an Accelerating Commercialisation grant
CSIRO Kick-Start

Started January 2017
- Businesses under $1.5 million turnover
- Access CSIRO research capability
- Voucher for $10k-$50k (matched dollar-for-dollar to business cash contribution)

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Case Study: Outback Harvest
- Growers of teff; a gluten-free wholegrain from Ethiopia
- Worked with CSIRO to develop a range of teff baked goods
- Used CSIRO Kick-Start to expand into new products.
- A second project is underway to improve product further.

CSIRO Industry+
How it works:
For innovative Start-ups and SMEs

Access to dollar-matched funding to undertake research activities
Research with CSIRO

$=$ Matched funding up to $270,000
Projects of 12-24 months
Fully facilitated
Eligibility based
Apply any time
Funded until June 2020