



**CSIRO SME Connect**  
**Where business meets research**  
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SME CONNECT  
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**CSIRO SME Connect**

**What we do**

Link Australian SMEs with the best researchers at universities, CSIRO, & other PFROs  
 Deliver three matched-funding programs for R&D projects with SMEs

- DIIS Innovation Connections
- CSIRO Kick-Start
- CSIRO Industry+






**Where we are**

- Perth
- Adelaide
- Melbourne
- Canberra
- Wollongong
- Sydney
- Newcastle
- Brisbane



**200+ Grants p.a.**  
**\$28M total research p.a.**

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## SME Connect

### Our funding programs

 <b>MATCHED FUNDING</b>	<b>2 × UP TO \$50K</b>	<b>2 × UP TO \$50K</b> (+ \$30K GRADUATE)	<b>UP TO \$135K</b> PER ANNUM
 <b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>CSIRO KICK-START</b>	<b>INNOVATION CONNECTIONS</b>	<b>CSIRO INDUSTRY+</b>
 <b>SME ELIGIBILITY</b>	<\$1.5 MILLION OR <3 YEARS TRADING	\$1.5M–\$100M <u>AND</u> >3 YEARS TRADING	COMPLETED KICK-START OR INNOVATION CONNECTIONS PROJECT
 <b>PROJECT LENGTH</b>	UP TO 1 YEAR	2–12 MONTHS	1–2 YEARS
 <b>RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS</b>	CSIRO ONLY	ALL PUBLIC RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS	CSIRO ONLY



## CSIRO Kick-Start

### How it works:

- For innovative start-ups and small businesses
- Access to dollar-matched funding to undertake research activities
- Research with CSIRO



Matched funding of  
\$10,000–\$50,000



Projects up to  
12 months



Fully  
facilitated



Eligibility  
based



Apply  
any time



Funded until  
June 2020



## Innovation Connections Entrepreneurs' Programme



## Business

Three types of grants:

### Researcher Placement Grants

Researcher is employed by **research organisation**  
Up to \$50,000 matched at least dollar for dollar by company

### Business Researcher Placement Grants

Researcher is employed by the **company**  
Up to \$50,000 matched at least dollar for dollar by company

### Graduate Placement Grants

Recent graduate is employed by the **company**  
Up to \$30,000 matched at least dollar for dollar by company

2 max

1 max

- Maximum \$130,000 funding per company



## Some of our CSIRO customers!



## More Information

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