



**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>	2 X UP TO <b>\$50K</b>	2 X UP TO <b>\$50K</b> (+ \$30K GRADUATE)	UP TO <b>\$105K</b> PER ANNUM
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>CSIRO KICK-START</b>	<b>INNOVATION CONNECTIONS</b>	<b>CSIRO INDUSTRY+</b>
<b>SME TURNOVER</b>	<\$1.5 MILLION OR <3 YEARS TRADING	\$1.5M-\$100M AND >3 YEARS TRADING	\$1M-\$100M OR KICK-START ALUMNI
<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



## 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



# CSIRO SME Connect

## 2017-2018 year in review

**FACILITATED 196 PROJECTS NATIONALLY**



## Our university partners



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