



FACT SHEET

## Regional Collaborations Programme

*Are you looking to develop strong linkages in the Asia-Pacific and have a solution to a regional issue?*

*The Regional Collaborations Programme might be able to support you!*

### *What is it?*

The Regional Collaborations Programme (RCP) is a component of the Global Innovation Strategy under the Australian Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda.

The programme aims to assist Australian researchers and businesses to build strong linkages in the Asia-Pacific region by funding multi-partner science, research and innovation activities that deliver innovation solutions to shared regional challenges.

These activities will, in turn, reduce collaboration barriers and promote an open approach to science, research and industry collaboration throughout the Asia-Pacific.

### *What support is available?*

Funding support is available for single or multi-year collaborative projects, as well as collaborative workshops, that seek to develop innovative solutions to a shared challenge within the Asia-Pacific.

The programme has an initial funding allocation of \$3.2 million to 2019-20.

The programme aims to support the Australian Government's commitment to:

- assist in the removal of barriers for researchers and businesses seeking to collaborate on issues of regional and national significance;
- support technical and research mobility; and
- build research capability, facilitating Australia's access to the global science and research networks and infrastructure.

### *Who can apply?*

Australian research organisations and research and development intensive businesses willing to form collaborative multi-partner teams, with the intention of building strong linkages within the Asia-Pacific region in science, research and innovation.

To be eligible for funding support, project activities must meet a series of conditions, including the following core criteria:

- address a shared regional challenge of national interest via science, research and innovation collaboration;
- demonstrate a benefit to Australia through the collaborative work proposed;
- include at least two non-Australian partners;
- have evidence of being able to provide 1:1 leveraged cash contributions; and
- feature workshop and mobility components, either led by Australia, a regional project partner or facilitated through multilateral fora.

### *Who can I collaborate with?*

Although eligible collaborative activities must include at least one partner from the Asia-Pacific region, not all project proponents need be from the region.

Providing that partnerships meet key eligibility criteria and have a focus on the Asia-Pacific region, their composition can include non-regional economies.

### *How do I apply?*

The Australian Academy of Science will call for expressions of interest and applications for funding support via the Regional Collaborations Programme website [science.org.au/regional-collaborations-programme](http://science.org.au/regional-collaborations-programme)

For more information on the National Innovation and Science Agenda, visit [innovation.gov.au](http://innovation.gov.au)

For more information on the Global Innovation Strategy, visit [industry.gov.au/Global-Innovation-Strategy](http://industry.gov.au/Global-Innovation-Strategy)