

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Funding Rules made under section 60 of the Australian Research Council Act 2001

Industrial Transformation Training Centres Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2013

Issued by the authority of the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research

Subject: *Australian Research Council Act 2001*
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Authority

Section 60 of the *Australian Research Council Act 2001* (the Act) provides that the Minister must approve ARC funding rules.

Purpose and effect

Industrial Transformation Training Centres (ITTC) is part of the Industrial Transformation Research Program (ITRP). The ITRP offers a suite of funding schemes attractive to both university-based researchers and industries.

This Program will:

- fund research hubs and research training centres;
- support Higher Degree by Research students and postdoctoral researchers in gaining real-world practical skills and experience through placement in industry.

ITTC will foster close partnerships between university-based researchers and industry to provide innovative training for young researchers vital to Australia's future industry.

In accordance with subsection 59 (2) of the Act, the *Industrial Transformation Training Centres Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2013* contain:

- (a) the eligibility criteria to be met in order for a proposal to be approved for financial assistance (including criteria relating to the kinds of organisation that may receive assistance and the kinds of research program in respect of which assistance may be provided);
- (b) how to apply for financial assistance;
- (c) the assessment process for deciding which proposals will be recommended for approval;
- (d) the ways in which, and circumstances in which, a funding approval may be varied; and
- (e) any additional accountability requirements that the ARC thinks desirable.

In accordance with subsection 59 (2) of the Act, the *Industrial Transformation Training Centres Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2013* take account of, and are consistent with:

- (a) the funding cap for the year, or each of the years, to which the rules apply; and
- (b) the funding split determination for the year, or each of the years, to which the rules apply.

Industrial Transformation Training Centres Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2013 were approved by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, Senator Chris Evans, on 16 October 2012. No amendments have been made.

Documents incorporated by reference

The following documents are incorporated by reference:

- the NHMRC/ARC/UA *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research* (2007); the NHMRC/ARC/AVCC *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research* (2007); and codes on animal research promulgated by the NHMRC (see section 14.1), available from (www.nhmrc.gov.au);
- *Instructions to Applicants for funding commencing in 2013* (see subsection 10.2), available from (www.arc.gov.au)

- *National Principles of Intellectual Property Management for Publicly Funded Research* (see section 14.4), available from (www.arc.gov.au); and

Commencement

Industrial Transformation Training Centres Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2013 shall take effect upon registration on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.

Explanation of provisions:

Section 1 provides the name of the Funding Rules.

Section 2 provides the commencement details.

Section 3 provides definitions.

Section 4 provides an overview and outlines the program and the selection criteria.

Section 5 outlines the level of funding, restrictions on budget items, and types of research not supported.

Section 6 deals with organisational types, roles and eligibility.

Section 7 deals with roles and eligibility for researchers.

Section 8 outlines the Selection of researchers awardee under the ITTC

Section 9 outlines the number of proposals and Cross-Scheme Eligibility

Section 10 outlines the Submission of Proposals including RMS, closing time and Conflict of Interest

Section 11 outlines the selection process and approval processes

Section 12 deals with appeals process

Section 13 outlines the reporting requirements for End of Year and final reporting

Section 14 provides details for fundamental principles of conducting research including ethics and research practices, applicable law, confidentiality, intellectual property and incomplete or misleading information.

Appendix A: Eligible Organisations