



Trailblazer Universities Program

Expression of Interest

Project Name:

1. Primary National Manufacturing Priority to be addressed as part of proposal:

2. Related growth opportunity from National Manufacturing Priority road map to be addressed as part of proposal:

3. Related goal from the National Manufacturing Priority road map to be addressed as part of proposal:

Full name of the Administering Organisation on whose behalf you are applying:

Full names of Partner Organisations involved in the project:

Project lead and position:

Telephone number:

Email address:

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Before you begin

- Read the *Program Guidelines* carefully. The Guidelines provide information that will help you complete this form.
- By completing this EOI you acknowledge that your organisation will comply with the Program Guidelines, which will ultimately be set out in the *Other Grants Guidelines (Research) 2017*, outlined below:
 - include at least one private sector partner, whose activities deliver significant benefit to Australia's NMPs
 - have agreement from university/ies involved in the application to
 - an IP strategy that maximises benefit for Australia, incentivises collaboration and spurs innovation, including agreement to adopt the Higher Education Research Commercialisation (HERC) IP Framework for any IP resulting from Trailblazer Universities Program grants.
 - industrial arrangements that promote a high-performance culture and support the achievement of commercial outcomes, such as through a clearly articulated remuneration, reward and promotional arrangements for academic researchers engaging in commercialisation activities.
 - create an identifiable and separate business unit to support the application of this investment, including
 - appropriate governance, a governing board with representatives of end users and an independent chair with industry experience in the relevant national priority area, and
 - local leadership empowered to oversee management of innovative IP and industrial arrangements that promote a high-performance culture and support the achievement of focus on commercial outcomes
 - demonstrate evidence of matched funding from the university/ies involved in the application and industry partners.
- EOIs must be submitted before **9.00am AEDT Monday 17 January 2022**.

Completing this form

- This document is the first stage of a two-stage process that must be completed and submitted to apply for funding from the Trailblazer Universities Program.
- You must complete all questions provided in this form. Incomplete EOIs will be considered non-compliant and removed from the assessment process.
- Consider the assessment criteria in section 5 of the *Program Guidelines* when developing your EOI.
- Follow the instructions throughout this form. Use Calibri 11-point single-spaced text. References may be listed in Calibri 10-point single spaced text. Responses to each criterion

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must be within the indicated limit. Information provided beyond the indicated limit (references excluded) will not be assessed.

- The EOI must be submitted as a PDF document and sent to urcs@dese.gov.au.
- Limit duplication of text across questions. Assessors will consider all information included in the EOI.
- The Department of Education, Skills and Employment may consider additional information, including publicly available information and administrative data held by the Australian Government, in assessing this EOI.
- URLs may be included in your EOI, but note the Department of Education, Skills and Employment is under no obligation to review material provided through URLs in the EOI. All relevant information should be included in the EOI response.

Need help?

- If you have any questions, or if you are experiencing technical issues or other difficulties completing this form, please contact urcs@dese.gov.au.

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Description of Proposal

1. With specific reference to the priorities, opportunities and goals set out in the Modern Manufacturing Strategy, describe your proposal to participate in the Trailblazer Universities Program and the specific aims of your university, including:

- how the program funding would be used to further research commercialisation capability to support a National Manufacturing Priority, associated opportunity and goal
- the commercial potential that is expected to emerge and pathways to commercialisation
- how the proposal will deliver engagement with industry and how it will respond to industry needs in the National Manufacturing Priority area (both through formal partnerships in the proposal and more broadly)
- if known, how the use of the CSIRO Test lab will further the aims of the proposal.

Up to 1,000 words.

Industry partnerships

2. Provide a description of the industry partnerships that your university can bring to the Trailblazer Universities Program. Describe their track record in collaborating with researchers and their future potential for commercialisation of research.

Note: The Department acknowledges that partnership engagement may still be in development at the time of providing the EOI. Indicative partners can be included for this section.

Up to 500 words.

Commercialisation readiness

3. Describe the specific activities or approaches which position your university as a leader of research commercialisation. This may include reference to:

- pathways to support commercialisation projects
- proactive approaches to engaging with businesses.

Up to 500 words.

4. Demonstrate how the IP strategy for activities under the Trailblazer Universities Program maximises benefits for Australia, incentivises collaboration and spurs innovation.

Up to 500 words.

5. Demonstrate how the industrial arrangements for activities under the Trailblazer Universities Program promote a high-performance culture and incentivise academic researchers to engage in translation and commercialisation activities. This could include indicative implementation plans for the introduction of new arrangements.

Up to 500 words.

Industry alignment

6. Describe how your participation in the Trailblazer Universities Program provides opportunities for staff interchanges between university and industry.

7. Describe activities or approaches which demonstrate how your participation in the Trailblazer Universities Program will respond to industry needs and the job-ready skills of the future, including the development of educational qualifications related to your priority.

Up to 500 words.

Budget

8. Provide an indicative budget for your proposal outlining estimated costs and levels of university and industry co-contributions.

Note: The Department is aware that Budgets developed at this stage will be indicative and subject to change prior to submission of business case for shortlisted applicants.

Up to 1 page.

Attached

EOI Endorsement – EOIs must be signed by the lead university’s Vice Chancellor

- I declare that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate, complete, and not misleading.
- I declare that this organisation meets program’s eligibility criteria, which I acknowledge will ultimately be reflected in *Other Grants Guidelines (Research) 2017*.
- I declare that this organisation can complete the project and meet the cost of the project not covered by grant funding.
- I declare that the proposed project outlined in this application has been endorsed by the relevant board/management committee or person with authority to commit the applicant to this project.

Vice Chancellor Name

Vice Chancellor Signature

Date