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NSW tops the leader board with \$130 million in research funding

New South Wales has secured more than \$130 million in grants for cutting edge research projects, as part of the Australian Research Council (ARC) funding program.

Minister for Science and Medical Research Jodi McKay welcomed the funding and said it was an endorsement of NSW's research institutes and the State Government's commitment to support the sector.

"The NSW Government's investment in science and medical research, along with the world class work being carried out by our research organisations has achieved this outstanding result," Ms McKay said.

"This year the NSW Government will provide \$36 million to the sector through the Science Leveraging Fund and the Medical Research Support Program."

Ms McKay said NSW had secured more ARC funding than any other State in Australia in the latest round of funding, with includes funding for discovery projects, linkage projects and Indigenous researchers development.

"The nation's standout performer was the University of New South Wales, which received nearly \$48 million of the ARC funding in this round," Ms McKay said.

"NSW universities performed strongly, with more than 380 innovative research projects capturing more than 33 per cent of the ARC grants, and five of our universities in the top 11.

"Our performance in ARC's *Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development* grants was also positive, with 63 per cent of grants going to NSW based institutions."

Ms McKay said some of the ARC funding for NSW will support projects such as:

- A University of Sydney biomechanical project with broad ranging impacts, from cancer treatments to dealing with crop stresses resulting from climate change;
- A University of Newcastle project exploring the use of titanium and sunlight in the process of developing clean hydrogen fuel; and
- A University of Wollongong project to better align information technology with business operations.

"The NSW Government recognises it is crucial to foster these linkages between research institutes, government and industry.

"NSW is Australia's clever State and the ARC grants will help drive practical research that will benefit society, the economy and the environment."

For more information on the Australian Research Council funding programs visit www.arc.gov.au.