**2025 SA NCRIS Co-Investment - Stage 2 Round 2 - Full Application**

**ABOUT THIS FORM**

\* indicates a required ﬁeld

**IMPORTANT**

The Department of State Development (DSD) invites applications for potential co- investment for step changes outlined in the 2021 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap (Chapter 6) and supported by the Commonwealth NCRIS 2023 Funding Round, to increase South Australia’s research and innovation capability.

Selected South Australian-based NCRIS facilities that have been shortlisted through the Expression of Interest and Full Application process under the 2024 South Australian NCRIS Co-Investment Grant (Stage 2, Round 1) Program are now invited to submit a Full Application for potential (additional) co-investment into the Commonwealth NCRIS 2023 Funding Round. The Program Guidelines can be found here.

Applications close 11:59PM ACST, Monday 18 August 2025.

Applications will be assessed by DSD and, at the absolute discretion of DSD, eligible applicants that submit competitive proposals may be invited to enter into a grant agreement between the eligible host institution and the Government of South Australia.

For any queries regarding this form, the grant application process or about your eligibility, email [dsd.researchinnovationprograms@sa.gov.au](mailto:dsd.researchinnovationprograms@sa.gov.au).

**Eligibility**

To meet the Eligibility criteria in the 2025 South Australian NCRIS Step-Change Co-Investment Grant (Stage 2, Round 2) Guidelines (Guidelines) for new funding 2025-26 to 2027-28, I confirm:

**Our organisation and the project meet the eligibility criteria set out in the 2025 South Australian NCRIS Step-Change Co-Investment Grant (Stage 2, Round 2) Program Guidelines for new funding 2025-26 to 2027-28**. \*

○ Yes ○ No

**Our organisation and the project have been selected and invited to apply for the 2025 South Australian NCRIS Co-Investment Grant (Stage 2, Round 2) Program.** \*

○ Yes ○ No

**The Project is receiving or will receive funding under the Commonwealth NCRIS 2023 Funding Round.\***

○ Yes ○ No

**Organisation Details**

**Host institution \***

**Host institution ABN \***

**Name of NCRIS facility in South Australia \***

**Name of NCRIS facility in South Australia \***

**NCRIS Project that is supporting your project through the Commonwealth NCRIS 2023 Funding Round. \***

**Host Institution Contact Details**

**Full Name of Key Contact at Host Institution \***

**Position title \***

**Phone \***

**Email \***

**Host institution Address \***

**2024 South Australian NCRIS Step-Change Co-Investment Grant (Stage 2, Round 1)**

**This project was previously invited to submit a Full Application for the 2024 South Australian NCRIS Step-Change Co-Investment Grant (Stage 2, Round 1) Program? \*** *The answer to this question will determine which questions you are required to complete in the form.* ***Please ensure you answer correctly.*** *Based on your selection the relevant sections will appear for selected questions.*

○ Yes (partially funded)

○ Yes (not funded)

○ No

*Applicants who select* ***Yes*** *(partially funded) or* ***Yes*** *(not funded) will see this prompt for selected questions:*

**Do you want to use the response submitted to this question in the 2024 South Australian NCRIS Step-Change Co-Investment Grant (Stage 2, Round 1)?** \*

* Use previous response with NO changes. *Use this option to use the response from the previously submitted Full Application. The question box will NOT be displayed.*
* Provide an updated response and identify any material changes from the previous Full Application. *Use this option to display the question box.*

*In this preview, the questions where applicants will see this prompt in the online Application form have been flagged.*

**NCRIS Facility Authorised Contact**

This person must be a South Australian contact authorised to represent and/or act on behalf of the applicant in relation to this grant application.

**Name \***

**Position title \***

**Phone (mobile) \***

**Phone (office)**

**Email** \*

**Person preparing this form**

If the person preparing this form is the same as the Key NCRIS Contact or Host Institution Contact, leave this section blank and proceed to next section.

**Name**

**Position title**

**Phone (mobile)**

**Phone (office)**

**Email**

**Project Details**

**Project Title (as detailed in the Full Application if previously provided**). \*

**Provide a brief description of your project outlining the purpose and expected outcomes (as detailed in the Full Application if previously provided. 500 words).** \*

See the Step Change areas outlined in the 2021 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap (chapter 6).

**Select all Step Change areas that your project seeks to address.** \*

☐ Synthetic biology research infrastructure to deliver new environmentally sustainable bioindustries.

☐ Research translation infrastructure to drive increased industry investment and sovereign research capability.

☐ World-leading environmental and climate infrastructure to help protect Australia's unique environment and underpin its response to climate change.

☐ Cutting-edge national digital research infrastructure.

**Which industry sector/s will benefit from the project outcomes?**

☐ Creative Industries

☐ International Education

☐ Defence Industry

☐ Mining and Mineral Processing

☐ Food, Wine and Agribusiness

☐ Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Production

☐ Green Technology and Circular Economy

☐ Space Industry

☐ Health and Medical Industries

☐ Tourism

☐ Hi-tech and Modern Manufacturing

☐ Other:

**Funding Details**

**Provide funding details based on 2024 outcome:**

**EOI did not progress:** You may request DSD funding in 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28.

**Full Application not funded:** You may request DSD funding in 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28.

**Full Application partially funded:** You may only request DSD funding in 2027-28. Please enter DSD committed amounts from 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 and applicable matched cash funding.

*Notes:*

* *Total cash funding from DSD in Table 1 should not exceed 25% of the total cash contributions (from DSD, Commonwealth NCRIS 2023 Funding Round commencing 2024-25 or later, and host institution and/or industry).*
* *Enter $0 where no matched funding is available for a particular year.*
* *In-kind contributions must not be used to calculate the requested funding and matched funding for the purpose of this Program.*

Refer to Guidelines section Funding Details.

Please contact DSD for advice for filling out this section.

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|  | Funding from DSD ($) committed and/or requested \*  AUD ex GST. | Matched funding ($) \*  From all sources. AUD ex GST, cash only. |
| 2024-25 |  |  |
| 2025-26 |  |  |
| 2026-27 |  |  |
| 2027-28 |  |  |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total funding requested from DSD ($)  *Australian Dollar amount calculated. Excludes GST.* | Total matched cash funding ($)  *Australian Dollar amount calculated. Excludes GST.* | Total cash contributions ($)  *Australian Dollar amount calculated. Excludes GST.* | Total funding requested from DSD (%)  *This value is calculated and should not exceed 25%.* |

**Assessment Criteria**

**1. Alignment with the South Australian Economic Statement and DSD's strategic objectives**

**To meet the Assessment Criteria in the 2025 South Australian NCRIS Step-Change Co-Investment Grant (Stage 2, Round 2) Guidelines for new funding 2025-26 to 2027-28.**

Your project must align with:

• the South Australian Economic Statement;

• the Department's strategic objectives; and

• the step change areas outlined in the Commonwealth NCRIS 2023 Guidelines.

**Describe how your project aligns to the relevant strategic economic objectives above (500 words).**\*

Refer to Guidelines Assessment Criteria section 1.

*Applicants who previously submitted a Full Application will have the option to use the previous response to this question.*

**2. Performance and Track Record**

**2.1 Provide a summary of the SA based NCRIS (or predecessor) facility’s key achievements and notable benefits to SA since 2019 (500 words). \***

Refer to Guidelines Assessment Criteria section 2.1.

*Applicants who previously submitted a Full Application will have the option to use the previous response to this question.*

**2.2 Provide information on previous collaborations and partnerships, relevant to your project (300 words).** \*

Refer to Guidelines Assessment Criteria section 2.2.

*Applicants who previously submitted a Full Application will have the option to use the previous response to this question.*

**2.3 Provide a summary of key staff members, including position description and roles within your project.** \*

Refer to Guidelines Assessment Criteria section 2.3.

*Applicants who previously submitted a Full Application will have the option to use the previous response to this question.*

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Name | Position description | Role in project |
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*More rows can be added.*

**2.4 Describe the governance arrangements in place (or that will be in place) to manage operations of your project and NCRIS facility (250 words).** \*

Refer to Guidelines Assessment Criteria section 2.4.

*Applicants who previously submitted a Full Application will have the option to use the previous response to this question.*

**3. Strategy and Expected Outcomes**

**3.1 To meet the desired Program Purpose as detailed in the Program Purpose in the 2025 South Australian NCRIS Step-Change Co-Investment Grant (Stage 2, Round 2) Program Guidelines for new funding 2025-26 to 2027-28,** projects must detail the approach to increasing industry investment and sovereign research capability through:

* service and delivery excellence,
* collaborative R&D and innovation with
* the South Australian research community,
* South Australian businesses, industry, and government,
* other South Australian NCRIS Facilities, and other major research infrastructure and innovation precincts in South Australia
* translation and commercial outcomes in partnership with South Australian researchers and industry (provide examples where applicable and list your main collaborators).

**Detail your approach to increasing industry investment and sovereign research capability through the above (750 words).** \*

Refer to Guidelines Assessment Criteria section 3.1.

*Applicants who previously submitted a Full Application will have the option to use the previous response to this question.*

**3.2 Describe how you will measure and report on:**

* increased research capability and industry investment in R&D;
* increased collaboration partnerships with businesses, government and research groups;
* the translation and commercial outcomes of research undertaken through these partnerships.

**Describe how you will measure and report on the above (250 words).** \*

Refer to Guidelines Assessment Criteria section 3.2.

*Applicants who previously submitted a Full Application will have the option to use the previous response to this question.*

**3.3 Detail your strategy for maintaining and attracting research talent to South Australia (250 words).** \*

Refer to Guidelines Assessment Criteria section 3.3.

*Applicants who previously submitted a Full Application will have the option to use the previous response to this question.*

**4. Project Budget and Milestones**

**4.1 Provide detailed annual revenues forecast for your project from the start date to 2027-28, including:**

* cash co-contributions from the Department (up to 25% of contributions), the host institution (cash), the NCRIS Project (cash) and industry (cash, if applicable).
* Other income may include service fees, collaborator income and other grant income related to your project.

List in-kind contributions (e.g. lab space, building costs etc) related to your project in Table 3 below.

**Table 2.1:** Cash contributions by financial year and source **including already committed funding.**

*Note:*

* *No additional funding can be requested from DSD for the financial years in which the South Australian Government funding through the 2024 South Australian NCRIS Step-Change Co-Investment Grant (Stage 2, Round 1) has already been committed.*
* *No funding can be requested from DSD for past financial years.*
* *Enter $0 where no matched funding is available for a particular year, or if no Other funding is available.*

Refer to Guidelines Assessment Criteria section 4.1.

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| **Source of contribution** | **FY2024-25 ($)** | **FY 2025-26 ($)** | **FY 2026-27 ($)** | **FY2027-28 ($)** | **Total cash contribution by source ($)** |
| Department of State Development (cash) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australian Government NCRIS 2023 (cash) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Host Institution (cash) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Industry (cash) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (cash) |  |  |  |  |  |

**Provide explanation of Other (cash) sources in Table 2.1, if applicable.**

**Table 2.2: Total cash contribution from all sources by financial year. This table is calculated using values provided in Table 2.1.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| FY2024-25 total ($) | FY2025-26 total ($) | FY2026-27 total ($) | FY2027-28 total ($) | Total cash contribution ($) |
| *Calculated.* | *Calculated.* | *Calculated.* | *Calculated.* | *Calculated.* |

**4.2 Provide the cash ($) contribution from DSD through the 2025 SA NCRIS Co-Investment Program**

**the 2025 SA NCRIS Co-Investment Program. Do not include previously committed funding from 2024 SA NCRIS Co-Investment Program. \***

Total new cash ($) from DSD through the 2025 SA NCRIS Co-Investment Program. Do not include previously committed funding from 2024 SA NCRIS Co-Investment Program. \*

**4.3 Has the Commonwealth NCRIS 2023 contribution to the SA Node (through the NCRIS Project) already been committed?** \*

○ Yes ○ No

*Applicants who select* ***NO*** *will see this question:*

**Has the Commonwealth NCRIS 2023 contribution to the SA Node (through the NCRIS Project) been confirmed?** \*

○ Yes ○ No

**4.4 Provide in-kind financial year and source** \*

**Table 3:** In-kind contribution by financial year and source.

Refer to Guidelines section Project Contributions.

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| Source of contribution | FY2025-26($) | FY2026-27($) | FY2027-28($) | Total in-kind contribution | Description of in-kind contribution |
| Host institution |  |  |  | *Calculated* |  |

*More rows can be added.*

**4.5 Provide detailed annual expenditure forecasts for your project for the period 2025-26 to 2027-28.**

• itemise costs for each new staff member individually,

• itemise new capital expenditure items individually.

*Applicants who previously submitted a Full Application will have the option to use the previous response to this question.*

**Table 4.1: Proposed expenditure by year.**

Refer to Guidelines Assessment Criteria 4.2.

*Applicants who previously submitted a Full Application will have the option to use the previous response to this question.*

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| Expense description | FY2025-26 ($) | FY2026-27($) | FY2027-28($) | Expense Total |
|  |  |  |  | *Calculated* |
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*More rows can be added.*

**Table 4.2 Total expenditure by financial year. This table is calculated using values provided in Table 4.1.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| FY2025-26 total ($) | FY2026-27 total ($) | FY2027-28 total ($) | Total proposed expenditure ($) |
| *Calculated.* | *Calculated.* | *Calculated.* | *Calculated.* |

**4.6 Detail the key milestones over the grant period**

**Table 5:** Key milestones over the grant period.

Refer to Guidelines Assessment Criteria section 4.3.

*Applicants who previously submitted a Full Application will have the option to use the previous response to this question.*

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| Milestone # | Description | Delivery date | Deliverable | Resources | Dependencies | Risks & mitigation strategy |
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*More rows can be added.*

**Additional Information**

**5. Additional Information**

Additional comments to support this Application.

**Full Application to the 2024 South Australian NCRIS Step-Change Co-Investment Grant (Stage 2, Round 1) Program.**

**Upload the Full Application to the 2024 South Australian NCRIS Step-Change Co-Investment Grant (Stage 2, Round 1) Program.**

**In accordance with the Supporting Documentation section of the Guidelines, upload any supporting information**, including, for example:

* Letters of Confirmation from the NCRIS headquarters and the host institution of their financial contributions.