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AUSTRALIA-INDIA RESEARCH COLLABORATION SCHEMES

This table serves as a quick-reference guide to relevant funding opportunities, summarising each program's purpose, objectives, and the groups it is designed to support. Please note that funding programs evolve regularly; for the most up-to-date information, refer to the [ARCH-India platform](#).

SCHEME NAME	KEY DETAILS
BILATERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES	
<u>Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australia's largest bilateral science collaboration initiative with India, supporting science, technology, and innovation research between both countries.• Grants of up to A\$1 million available.• Eligible activities include joint scientific research projects, application and commercialisation of research outcomes, and conferences and workshops.• Early- and Mid-Career Researcher Fellowships are also available under AISRF, with funding up to A\$17,500.
Australia-India Cyber and Critical Technology Partnership (AICCTP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grants to support Australia-India research projects to advance shared understanding of ethical frameworks, best practices and technical standards for cyber and critical technologies.• Examples include developing governance frameworks and best practices for emerging quantum technologies and operationalising ethical frameworks in the critical technology supply chains of global companies.
<u>Maitri Program</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maitri Grants:<ul style="list-style-type: none">» Support collaboration between Australian and Indian cultural, education, research and business communities.• Maitri Scholarships:<ul style="list-style-type: none">» Supports Indian students to study at Australian universities» Prioritises students undertaking PhD studies in STEM-related fields.• Maitri Fellowships:<ul style="list-style-type: none">» Supports policy researchers to undertake secondments with Australian and Indian organisations» Fellowships include inward (Indian researchers to Australia, up to 12 months), outward (Australian researchers to India, up to 12 months), and two-way exchanges (paired collaboration for up to 2 years).
<u>India Australia Rapid Innovation and Startup Expansion (RISE) Accelerator</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides support to startups and small- to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) who are working on innovative technology and are considering overseas expansion.• Focused on environment and climate technologies.• Discovery phase with e-learning and funded travel, followed by a pilot phase to test or demonstrate technology in the target market.

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AUSTRALIAN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES	
<u>Australia's Economic Accelerator (AEA)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding opportunities to universities, encouraging collaboration with industry partners. Eligible university researchers can apply for grants up to \$500,000 to confirm proof-of-concept on research ideas pursuing a commercial outcome, with the full tranche representing \$12 million in funding. Offers pathways for project outcomes, including avenues for venture capital investment, underscoring commitment to translating research outcomes into tangible economic impact. Guided by an expert commercialisation board comprising representatives from government, industry, and research sectors.
<u>Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Grants</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links researchers with industry and government with a focus on research application. CRC grants support medium- to long-term, industry-led collaborations of up to 10 years, while CRC-P grants support shorter industry-led collaborative research of up to 3 years. International partners can be included in both CRC and CRC-P grant projects, as long as eligibility requirements of Australian industry entities and research organisations have been met.

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INDIAN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES	
<u>Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhances India's higher education research capacity through international collaborations with institutions from 28 countries, including Australia, on nationally and globally relevant problems. Promotes academic cooperation in areas such as joint research projects, exchange of faculty and students, and joint degree programs.
<u>Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables Indian higher education institutions to invite and host international academics and researchers, including those from Australia. Facilitates the co-teaching of advanced courses to Indian students. Offers international experts the opportunity to familiarise themselves with India's academic environment.
<u>Visiting Advanced Joint Research Faculty Scheme (VAJRA)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed for overseas scientists and academics, especially Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs), and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs), to serve as adjunct or visiting faculty in publicly funded Indian research and academic institutions. Enables research engagements that bring together diverse perspectives to address shared scientific challenges.
<u>Impacting Research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT-II)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackles key national engineering challenges by translating knowledge into viable technologies (products and processes).
<u>Science & Technology (S&T) Clusters</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operate through a consortium model for innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and technology translation. There are currently eight active clusters across India. Brings together academic institutions, R&D organisations, industries, startups, and local governments to address regional challenges through demand-driven, technology-led solutions. International opportunities include the International Science & Technology Clusters Conference: Making Lives Easier Through S&T, a platform for global collaboration and partnership building.