



project funding guidelines

1. DHCRC has participants from a multitude of sectors including health, technology, government, research and education. For the purposes of these project funding guidelines, we refer to DHCRC participants that are not one of our 16 university participants as industry participants.
2. DHCRC activities, including projects, are funded by the regular contributions we receive from our university and industry participants and the funds we receive from the Commonwealth. Collectively, these monies are 'DHCRC funds'.
3. Our industry and university participants work together to develop Project Plans, as defined in our Research and Education Investment Framework. Each Project Plan details a budget for the project and identifies the DHCRC funds required to undertake the project ('project cash budget'), any additional funds to be contributed by the participants and the in-kind contributions participants will make to the project.
4. We invest DHCRC funds in projects according to the following principles:
 - a. contributions from industry participants will fund half of each project cash budget. These will be matched dollar for dollar by non-industry DHCRC funds
 - b. the project cash budget is provided to the university participant(s) to a project to be spent in accordance with the agreed budget. An amount equal to 1/3 of this will be retained by DHCRC from the university participant(s) contributions
 - c. a party to a project who is not a participant in DHCRC must provide an additional cash contribution to each project they are party to. DHCRC will retain 15% of these cash contributions and such parties are not guaranteed any specified matching commitment
 - d. each DHCRC participant has made in-kind commitments for the running of DHCRC and its activities. Each participant must maximise their in-kind contributions (including both non-staff and staff) to projects and other agreed DHCRC activities to ensure that, across all of the projects they are party to and other agreed activities, their in-kind contributions are no less than their in-kind commitment

- e. included within the DHCRC program is a requirement to fund industry-based PhD students. Costs associated with these PhD students will be included in project budgets
 - f. for projects that have multiple participants involved, where a participant's individual contribution falls below \$1 for every \$3 of the project cash budget, they may be required to allocate more of their regular contributions to the project or pay additional contributions to the project, so as not to unfairly disadvantage other participants
 - g. each project budget will include a cost associated with licences to DHCRC's virtual project community.
5. Any DHCRC project funding is subject to sufficient funding being made available to DHCRC by the Commonwealth and the participants.
6. As new participants come on board, project investments are made and DHCRC funds fluctuate, we reserve the right to review these project funding guidelines to ensure all participants are treated fairly and maximise their participation in the Centre.

