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SA launches first-of-its-kind program to drive industry-research collaboration

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A first of its kind program to drive industry-research collaboration, encourage innovation and help drive future economic growth in South Australia has been launched today by the State Government.

Delivered through the University of South Australia, the new research Mobility Grants Scheme will fund 12-month placements for researchers to work within a business, or for industry representatives to work within UniSA, to transfer and exchange expertise, training and skills.

The first placements will be rolled out at IPACS – an Australian technology company headquartered in Adelaide and Bionomics, a biopharmaceutical company in Thebarton making better treatments for cancer.

Applications for the next round of the Mobility Grant Scheme close Thursday, 25 January 2018. For information and to apply, visit fi.unisa.edu.au/engage-with-us/fia/mobility-grants

Background

The Future Industries Institute is a \$7.5 million State Government investment that supports local industries to build their research and development capacity.

The funding is helping to deliver research and development vouchers, which award up to \$100,000 for projects that address priority industry challenges, as well connect small and medium-sized businesses to high-tech infrastructure within the UniSA's Future Industries Institute.

Since its inception in 2016, funding awarded through the Future Industries Institute has created 15 South Australian jobs.

Quotes attributable to Science and Information Minister Kyam Maher

We are excited to be launching the research Mobility Grant Scheme, the first of its kind in South Australia, to build stronger and more productive partnerships between industry and researchers and encourage innovation.

South Australia is home to some exceptional researchers and through this scheme, we can help industry tap into these great minds to help solve industry specific problems, introduce new products and services and provide opportunities to develop and up skill staff.

Our \$7.5 million Future Industries Institute investment is already delivering with impact, creating 15 new jobs, commissioning new research, providing in-house R&D as well as funding external R&D through grants, fellowships and infrastructure.

Quotes attributable to Future Industries Institute Director Professor Emily Hilder

The Mobility Grants Scheme is a real innovation because it provides an active incentive for the University and local industries to collaborate. In an Australian context, this is hugely valuable because industry R&D budgets are generally very tight.

Through this scheme, the State Government is providing vital support for industry to advance technologies and product refinement, at the same time as ensuring University researchers can apply their expertise and insights in real world commercial contexts.

This is an incredibly important linking initiative that we hope will deliver for SA industry.