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## **Final offer of up to \$1,000,000 funding for innovative rail projects**

[The Rail Manufacturing Cooperative Research Centre \(CRC\) has announced the final cycle of its Rail Innovation Gateway funding for projects.](#)

The Rail Innovation Gateway is open to project applications from businesses either working in the rail industry or with the potential to do so, who are asked to submit research and development project proposals focused on increasing competitiveness, capacity and productivity in Australia's rail manufacturing industry.

The Rail Manufacturing CRC will fund up to \$1,000,000 per project, which is to be matched dollar-for-dollar (1:1) by the rail business. The funds raised will be paid to an Australian university or research institution to conduct the research project in partnership.

This is the third and final cycle of the Rail Manufacturing CRC's Rail Innovation Gateway, with previous cycles identifying new project opportunities such as hybrid locomotives and innovative technologies to strengthen trackbed operations.

Dr. Stuart Thomson, CEO of the Rail Manufacturing CRC, is looking forward to seeing which new opportunities will be identified to enhance the Australian rail industry.

"Committing to new tangible and innovative rail research projects will work to further support the sustainability of Australian rail. Such opportunities may include work in condition monitoring, digital design and manufacturing, virtual reality, responsive passenger information and improved energy storage," shared Dr. Thomson.

"The Rail Manufacturing CRC will actively define these project opportunities with interested rail businesses and match them with Australian universities to roll out these projects in partnership."

All Rail Innovation Gateway project proposals must align to one of three key research areas – **Power and Propulsion, Materials and Manufacturing, and Design, Modelling and Simulation.**

More information on the two-stage application process, along with the application form, is available on the Rail Manufacturing CRC website at <http://www.rmccr.com.au/register-your-project>. Applications close **Friday 8 March, 2018.**

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### **About the Rail Manufacturing CRC**

The Rail Manufacturing CRC is working to foster, sponsor and direct collaborative research and commercialisation partnerships in rail manufacturing. Established in 2014, the Centre will operate for a period of six years, funded by the Business Cooperative Research Centres Programme of the Australian Federal Government's Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.