

Media Release



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Research Proposals Invited

The ARBS Education and Research Foundation is excited to open its inaugural round of research grant applications.

Through its charter the Foundation is committed to improving industry productivity through research, education and training.

By using its industry knowledge and connections the board has identified 3 priority areas for study and research.

- Solar power and HVAC.
- Intelligent building controls.
- Indoor environmental quality.

The background paper included provides more information about these issues, why they are worthy of detailed study at this time and some of the research questions which need to be studied.

An application to participate in the research in any of the subjects must be made online through the Foundation website. www.arbsfoundation.com.au

Applications can be submitted at any time prior to 30 April 2016. The board expects to be able to announce the successful applicant proposals shortly after that date.

For more information about the Foundation generally, the website should be consulted.

Foundation chairman, Ian Hopkins said, “We have moved into a new phase for the Foundation. Much of the past year has been consumed with administrative matters, especially legal ones, but now we are pleased to start contributing to industry improvement through the research program.”

“The Prime Minister talks about the exciting times in Australia especially in connection with innovation and technological change. Our industry is highly technical and this initiative by the Foundation is timely and in line with what it needs.” Ian Hopkins said.

In the first round of research grants, the Foundation will allocate a total of \$25,000. The maximum value of any one grant in this round will be \$20,000.

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