



We imagine
We collaborate
We innovate

Australia's innovation catalyst



We do the extraordinary every day

CSIRO is Australia's national science and industrial research agency.





CSIRO is Australia's largest research agency and was established in 1916.

CSIRO uses applied science and research to solve problems and make a difference to the economy, society and the environment.

We also manage important research infrastructure like the Australia Telescope National Facility, the Marine Research Vessel (*RV Investigator*) and the Pawsey Supercomputing Centre.

CSIRO collaborates with industry, government and universities in Australia and around the world.

CSIRO is a not-for-profit government agency.

We receive funding from the Australian government every four years, but we set our own priorities and strategy in consultation with government.

We also earn revenue from research contracts with our partners and from licensing our technology.

In our Strategy 2020, we will improve Australia's innovation performance by connecting research and industry and by training our staff and other Australian researchers to commercialise their ideas.

Global engagement is an important part of CSIRO's Strategy 2020, which states that CSIRO will provide a global outlook for national benefit.

Our top innovations



FAST WLAN
making WiFi possible



Polymer banknotes



Relenza flu
treatment



Total Wellbeing Diet



Equivac[®] HeV Vaccine
for Hendra virus



Softly washing liquid



Self twisting yarn



Extended wear
contact lenses



Barleymax[™]
high-fibre wholegrain



Raft polymerisation



Aerogard



Novacq[™] prawn feed

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Our focus areas



Agriculture and food



Land and water



Astronomy and space science



Publishing



Data and digital



Manufacturing



Research infrastructure



Consulting services



Energy



Mineral resources



Research collections



Health and biosecurity



Oceans and atmosphere



Education

Our structure

CSIRO is accountable to the Commonwealth of Australia.

CSIRO's direction is set by the CSIRO Board and the CSIRO Executive Team.



Doing business with CSIRO

CSIRO works with partners from around Australia and the world. We work with research agencies, universities, small and medium companies, multi-national companies and governments.

Collaborative
or contract
research projects



Technology
licensing



Incubation
of high tech
start-ups



Equity
transactions



Open access
facilities



Linkage to
supply chains via
global partners



Researcher
placements



Additional
assistance
for SMEs



Government
procurement to
stimulate industry



We collaborate to innovate

CSIRO works with partners around the world. Here are some examples of our international collaboration.





CSIRO has collaborated with the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) for over 40 years. Each organisation provides funding to support joint projects, workshops and staff exchanges.



Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems (MHPS) is building a field of 150 heliostats in Yokohama, Japan, for research projects using CSIRO designed heliostats and solar thermal energy research.



CSIRO is collaborating on materials science with the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Inha University and Hanyang University.



CSIRO is working with the Australian government and governments in South Asia to address water resource management and water security.



Through CSIRO Chile, based in Santiago, CSIRO works on mining, marine, energy, water and other applied research projects in Chile. We collaborate with research partners in programs for the government and multinational companies.



CSIRO is working with French company Cletral on food processing technologies including powder ingredient drying and extrusion technology.



CSIRO has developed new cotton varieties that produce higher yields and are resistant to pests. All Australian cotton, half the dryland cotton in the United States and about one-third of the cotton in Brazil, Turkey and Greece is produced from varieties bred by CSIRO.



CSIRO has developed an economical, super fast-charging battery with long-life power. It is being manufactured under license by the Furukawa Battery Company of Japan and distributed in the US by East Penn Manufacturing Co. Inc of the US and is already being used in the Honda Insight.



CSIRO has fitted thousands of honey bees with tiny sensors as part of a world-first research program to monitor the insects' movements. We are working with Brazil's Vale Institute of Technology to take the technology to the Amazon.

Shape the future

CSIRO has more than 5000 staff in 55 locations around Australia.

CSIRO Chile, a wholly-owned subsidiary, is based in Santiago (Chile), with an office in Antofagasta (Chile).

We have a biosecurity lab in Montpellier (France) and staff based in New Delhi (India) and Jakarta (Indonesia).



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We innovate for tomorrow and help improve today – for our customers, all Australians and the world.

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