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# Up to \$1,000,000 funding available for rail research and development projects

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Research organisation Rail Manufacturing CRC is pleased to announce a new funding cycle for its Rail Innovation Gateway project submissions.

The Rail Innovation Gateway is open to 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 Australian rail manufacturing.

The Centre will fund up to \$1,000,000 per project, which is to be matched dollar-for-dollar (1:1) by the business/businesses involved. The funds will be paid to a leading Australian Research Institution, who will be matched to the business/businesses and undertake the research project in partnership.

Rail Manufacturing CRC Managing Director Dr. Stuart Thomson is excited about the opportunity the program will bring in attracting manufacturing businesses into the rail supply chain and increasing innovation in the rail industry.

“The rail industry has significant opportunities through recent increases in government spending on rail rolling stock and infrastructure projects to embrace innovation and develop new business opportunities for Australian-based companies. By welcoming these opportunities, rail businesses will be contributing to the delivery of future economic growth, export opportunities and job creation.

“The Rail Innovation Gateway extends our engagement to include manufacturing businesses that may not currently be part of the rail supply chain, thereby generating a new pool of research projects that will boost innovation in the sector,” Dr. Thomson shared.

All Rail Innovation Gateway project proposals must address one of the Rail Manufacturing CRC’s rail research priority areas – which are **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.rmcr.com.au>. Applications close on 13 January, 2017.

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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 Government’s Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.