

# Call for proposals

## **Forest and Wood Products Australia R&D project funding opportunities**

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Forest and Wood Products Australia (FWPA) invites the submission of research, development and extension proposals for project funding commencing from 1 May 2018 addressing FWPA program priorities. Details of FWPA operational programs and program priorities are outlined in the 2017 – 2022 FWPA strategic plan accessible at <http://bit.ly/2uLzW0k>

FWPA project funding is offered via two streams.

### 1. Industry levy<sup>i</sup>

For projects funded from forest and wood product industry levies, a minimum of 50% stakeholder co-investment (cash and in kind) is required. Project outcomes should be readily transferable to the wider industry base with a focus on measurable industry uptake and adoption. Strong emphasis is placed on direct industry participation and input into the project activities.

### 2. Voluntary matching<sup>ii</sup>

Under the voluntary matching program, FWPA can provide up to 1:1 matched funding against cash commitments by external investors in support of project proposals. Projects funded under this program must clearly demonstrate the concept of additionality, that the activities being funded would not have been undertaken by the collaborators in the absence of the voluntary matching program. Financial co-investments must be received from a minimum of two external non-related entities. Project objectives must align to industry and Government research priorities and the project outputs must be accessible by the broader industry. Funds contributed by research providers and State and Commonwealth R&D programs are not eligible for matching under this program.

In general FWPA project funding is provided for projects up to three years duration and up to \$200,000 per year. However in specific cases with demonstrated industry support and participation, larger budgets can be supported contingent on suitable co-investment levels by project collaborators.

Completed research proposals including confirmed project co-investments as well as letters of support and endorsement are due by Friday 23 March 2018. Proposals are to be submitted using the form available from <http://www.fwpa.com.au/resources.html>

Completed proposals should be submitted to [grants@fwpa.com.au](mailto:grants@fwpa.com.au)

For further information please contact:

**Program 2 - Aligning products to market needs &  
Program 3 - Assisting value chain optimisation**

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**Program 4 - Increasing resource availability and reducing risk**

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<sup>i</sup> Includes matching contributions from the Australian Government under the Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Act 2007

<sup>ii</sup> Funds are sourced from Commonwealth matching payments under Section 26.3 of the FWPA Statutory Funding Agreement 2017 - 2021