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ARC - Industrial PhDs

Question

Senator KIM CARR: What are you doing to develop stronger industrial PhDs?

Prof. Byrne: One of the schemes that is having some good inroads to that area is the Industrial Transformation Research Program and specifically training centres. Those training centres are about specifically training PhD students to work in industry, post-doctoral students for working in industry. Each of those training centres has to have 10 PhD students working with an industry partner. I think that is a terrific scheme. I forget how many we have launched so far, but I will have that number for you shortly.

Answer

The Australian Research Council has provided the following response.

The Industrial Transformation Research Program funds Industrial Transformation Research Hubs and Industrial Transformation Training Centres that support PhD students. The Training Centres have been established specifically to provide innovative Higher Degree by Research and postdoctoral training—over 100 Higher Degree by Research candidates have been funded.

Since 2012 the ARC has funded 11 *Industrial Transformation Training Centres* and 14 *Industrial Transformation Research Hubs*.