

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000716

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

ARC: Program success rates

Question

- (a) What are the latest success rates for ARC programs? Please list the most recent success rates for the Laureate Fellowships, DECRA and Future Fellowships?
- (b) How have these success rates been tracking in recent years?
- (c) Is it fair to say that they have been tracking down in general?
- (d) What causes would you attribute to this? Low funding, greater interest from researchers?

Answer

The Australian Research Council (ARC) has provided the following response.

- (a) The latest success rates for ARC funding schemes are as follows:

Scheme	Success rate (%)
Discovery Indigenous 2017	35.5
Discovery Projects 2017	17.8
Discovery Early Career Researcher Award 2017	16.7
Future Fellowships 2017	31.0
Australian Laureate Fellowships 2017	15.2
Linkage Projects 2016	31.1
Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities 2017	26.8
Industrial Transformation Research Hubs 2017	60.0
Industrial Transformation Training Centres 2017	34.6
ARC Centres of Excellence 2017	47.4

(b) Success rates for ARC funding schemes over the past five years are as follows:

Scheme	Success rate (%)				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Discovery Indigenous	31.3	38.5	31.3	32.3	35.5
Discovery Projects	21.4	19.9	18.0	17.7	17.8
Discovery Early Career Researcher Award	15.6	13.6	14.3	16.4	16.7
Future Fellowships	16.3	18.1	15.9	30.9	31.0
Australian Laureate Fellowships	15.2	17.8	13.0	12.9	15.2
Linkage Projects	39.0	35.9	35.5	31.1 (Rd1) 39.6 (Rd2)	n/a
Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities	42.6	42.6	41.5	31.2	26.8
Industrial Transformation Research Hubs	47.6	26.7	45.5	–	60.0
Industrial Transformation Training Centres	30.8	53.8	29.4	22.2	34.6
ARC Centres of Excellence	–	54.5	–	–	45.0

– no selection round conducted

n/a not available; selection round not complete

(c) No. Success rates in the majority of schemes have increased.

(d) N/A