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TOPIC: Cooperative Research Centres

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- 1) Is it true that there were 30 applications made for CRCs last year but just four were funded?
- 2) How does that 13% rate of success compare with applications for funding under the Australian Research Council's key programs?

ANSWER

- 1) Yes. This information is available at <https://www.crc.gov.au>.
- 2) The ARC Centres of Excellence scheme is most closely comparable to the Cooperative Research Centres program in terms of the scale of research supported.

The selection round for funding commencing in 2011 involved an initial round of 111 proposals; 32 were chosen to submit a full proposal and 13 were funded giving an overall success rate of 12 per cent. The ARC Centres of Excellence scheme is run every three years.