



Call for proposals

NSW ARB PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

Call for proposals to partner with the NSW Architects Registration Board (NSW ARB) on research aligned with the objects of the Architects Act 2003

About the NSW ARB

The NSW ARB is a government regulatory agency that operates the *Architects Act 2003*. Its primary role is to protect consumers of architectural services: by registering architects and ensuring they provide services to the public in a professional and competent manner; and by accrediting NSW architectural qualifications that lead to registration as an architect. The NSW ARB also provides information to the public and promotes an understanding of architecture in the community by funding research and partnering with organisations on relevant projects and events.

Overview of the NSW ARB Partnership Projects program

The NSW ARB may provide funding and support for research aligned with the objects of the *Architects Act 2003*. Proposals may be invited every 2 years in January-February: either in response to a particular brief or theme, co-designed and co-developed with the NSW ARB; or through an open call that does not specify the research area. Proposals with specific time constraints may also be considered for support outside the 2-year cycle.

Objectives

NSW ARB Partnership Projects create partnerships between the NSW ARB and NSW academics within accredited architecture programs. Projects will

1. investigate a specific research question aligned with the objects of the *Architects Act 2003*
2. demonstrate the value of architects and architecture in NSW, and
3. benefit and/or inform strategic goals of the NSW ARB, NSW government and/or industry.

Selection criteria

- a. Relevance of the project to the program objectives (1-3 above) and its potential to generate new knowledge, evidence and data.
- b. Feasibility of the project methodology, outcomes, timeframe, budget and proposed team (research/practice track record).
- c. Significance of the project and its projected benefits for the NSW ARB, NSW government and/or industry.
- d. Benefits of the project to securing further, future funding, such as from the Australian Research Council (ARC) by
 - building the research track record of the proposed team
 - piloting promising research initiatives that would benefit from the first push, and
 - supporting activities that position and evidence the value of a new research area.

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Available funding

The level of funding provided will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The NSW ARB may consider budgets ranging from \$10,000 to \$70,000 per year.

Funding duration

The duration of funding will be determined on a case-by-case basis with the possibility of multi-year funding where justified (for example, in cases where the NSW ARB might be included as a partner on a larger ARC-funded project).

Eligibility

The Chief Investigator (CI) must be a full-time academic within an accredited architecture program at a NSW university.

The research team must include at least one NSW registered architect, who may be registered in either the Practising or Non practising category.

Application requirements

Applications must include

- Project title
- Abstract (200 word summary)
- Project proposal
 - Project outline – why the research is needed and/or relevant; why it is unique and/or timely
 - Research question(s) / issue(s) to be addressed
 - Relevance to program objectives
 - Proposed methodology
 - Project context and review of relevant literature
 - Expected research outcomes and results (what will be achieved)
 - Proposed outputs (public presentation(s) and publication(s))
 - Associated project costs and budget
 - Proposed research timeline with key dates and milestones
- Proposed research team, including for each team member a brief biography (200 words) and resume (up to 2 pages).

Conditions and reporting requirements

- The decision to fund a project will take into consideration NSW ARB resourcing implications.
- Probity and reference checks will be conducted prior to confirming NSW ARB support.
- Any amendment to confirmed/funded partnership projects must be pre-approved by the NSW ARB, including changes to the composition of the research team and changes to the research agenda.
- The parties will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding specifying partnership terms, including media and communications obligations and associated promotional activities.
- A proportion of the allocated funding may be withheld by the NSW ARB until the fulfilment of all agreed outputs, which must include, as a minimum:
 1. a public presentation, and
 2. 1 peer-reviewed journal article, and
 3. an article published in a professional journal like *Architecture Australia*
OR a blog post suitable for upload to the NSW ARB website or other online platform, and
 4. a summary report of the completed project and copies of all outcomes.