



Future Industries Accelerator

Unlocking potential through partnerships



Infrastructure
Access Scheme



R&D Voucher
Scheme



Mobility Grants
Scheme



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“The Future Industries Accelerator (FIA) is driving industry-research collaboration, encouraging innovation and strengthening the economy in South Australia. We’re really excited about the results from the FIA but this is only the beginning.”

— Professor Emily Hilder, Director, Future Industries Institute

The Future Industries Accelerator (FIA) – Addressing industry opportunities and challenges to build a stronger SA economy.

The **FIA** provides funding for South Australian industry to access UniSA's infrastructure and expertise. The FIA is a \$7.5M investment from the South Australian Government to create high value jobs in the state, assist local industries to build their R&D capacity and accelerate revenue growth. It supports SA-based companies to overcome key business challenges through a whole new way of thinking and operating.

The FIA has supported many SA businesses. The response has been incredibly positive and South Australian industries now have a 'go-to' destination for collaboration, innovation and breakthroughs.

How can the FIA help your business?

Is your business facing a technical challenge that you cannot identify or resolve in-house? Or do you have a product development idea you want to explore? If so, we invite you to

contact us. We will work with you to find the right UniSA researcher for your needs and help you to connect with them. We can work with you to assess how your business can benefit from the FIA schemes, facilities and expertise across the University.

Contact us to explore these opportunities and discover how we support companies across South Australia through the Future Industries Accelerator. We are here to help your business grow.

FIA Schemes

The three schemes provide flexible and tangible mechanisms to drive the transformation of your business. Each one has been designed to have a low financial barrier but offer maximum support to a wide range of stakeholders and their needs.



Infrastructure Access Scheme

Companies can access equipment, laboratory space, and research infrastructure valued at over \$70 million, with advice, training and analysis from dedicated technical staff, at no direct cost.



R&D Voucher Scheme

Funding is available to test product ideas or enhancements to your business. Up to \$100,000 of the FIA funding is available per project for a maximum of 12 months. The co-investment required is 2:1 – for every dollar your business contributes, you can access up to two dollars of the FIA funding. For companies with an annual turnover of less than \$5M, the co-investment can be in-kind.



Mobility Grants Scheme

Funds are available for staff placements of up to 12 months and up to full time. Companies can send an employee to the University or vice versa. This exchange helps to transfer expertise to resolve challenges, develop training or build the skills necessary for growth. The scheme covers the full salary costs for the participant, including on-costs. There is no default co-investment, but as an industry partner, you must pay for any activities required to fulfil the project aims.



The benefits

There are benefits for companies and the University, with the state of South Australia as the ultimate winner. The benefits of the Future Industries Accelerator include:

- Flexible IP arrangements
- Easily accessible and generous schemes
- Fast turnaround - funding rounds are 6 weeks apart and work can begin as soon as the funding agreement is signed
- Accelerated company growth through analysis, R&D and/or staff training and upskilling
- A low risk opportunity to embrace emerging technologies, test an idea or transform your business
- A gateway to form long term partnerships with UniSA
- Increased exposure for UniSA researchers to industry environments and needs
- Increased revenue and jobs for the state

“Through the FIA, Coiltek began working collaboratively with UniSA in 2017, specifically utilising their expertise in the synthesis of conducting polymer dispersions and thin film coatings. During this time, we have found that all UniSA contacts involved in the research and development of our project to be helpful, solutions orientated, open and clear with communication, understanding and diligent with project timelines. We are confident that this project will result in a mutually beneficial outcome.”

– **Natalie Michels, Chief Executive Officer, Coiltek**

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Would you like to know more about the FIA?

We regularly partner with industry organisations to hold FIA networking events. Keep an eye out for FIA events or get in contact with us to arrange something tailored to your industry sector.

Over
75
Projects
funded



Industry partners

The FIA has helped many companies achieve their business goals. Some participants have included:



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