



# Advanced Food Manufacturing grants program

Grants supported by Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) provide much needed support for the state's food manufacturing industry. One such initiative is the Advanced Food Manufacturing (AFM) grants program, which has been developed to encourage partnerships between food manufacturers and research and development providers, creating links that will lead to future opportunities. Expressions of Interest (EOI) open on 14 January 2015 for Round 2 of the AFM program, with \$500,000 of State Government funding available.

The program will support co-funded projects with industry and research or technical partners that strengthen the food industry's innovation capabilities and improve productivity, profitability and export competitiveness.

A grant of between \$25,000 and \$100,000 for jointly funded projects will be awarded on a competitive basis. EOIs for Round 2 of the AFM program close on 25 February 2015.

## AFM grants may support the following activities:

- The development of innovative food products that feature novel food sources, higher value food performance such as health or nutritional benefits.
- The development of high value food products designed for specialist domestic or international markets, or specific performance or regulatory requirements.
- Improved or alternate food processing technologies including engineering design, production engineering, inline process controls, energy efficient manufacturing.
- New food packaging or preservation technologies.
- Sustainable food production including optimisation of raw materials, utilisation of waste streams as by-products, technology for decreasing solid and liquid waste, technology for energy efficiency.
- The commercialisation of market-ready research from University research programs and the wider South Australian research sector.

## How to Apply

Food manufacturers and researchers are invited to apply for the programs through expressions of interest.

Visit [www.pir.sa.gov.au/food](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/food) for program guidelines and Expression of Interest forms.

To find out more you are encouraged to phone 8226 2996 or email [PIRSA.Foodinnovation@sa.gov.au](mailto:PIRSA.Foodinnovation@sa.gov.au)



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