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University of Newcastle to Receive Over \$8.5 million for ARC Grants

The University of Newcastle has cemented its reputation as one of the top non-'Group of 8' Universities in Australia with today's announcement of funding for 28 Australian Research Council (ARC) research projects, worth \$8,559,000, under the National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP).

"This fantastic result is further recognition of the world-class research being undertaken at the University of Newcastle," Ms Grierson said.

"The NCGP is a highly competitive program, so the University's success is testament the quality of its academic prowess."

26 of the successful projects were applied for under the *Discovery Projects* scheme of the NCGP, with the further two applied for under the *Linkage Projects* scheme.

"The Rudd Government is committed to supporting pioneering tertiary research – the likes of which the University of Newcastle is consistently producing," Ms Grierson said.

"By securing these ARC grants, the University will further enhance Newcastle's standing as a hub of innovation and development.

"I congratulate the University, and all those involved in the successful projects, for this wonderful achievement."

The funding is due to begin from 2010.

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