

Research and Development Funding and Support

The National Aerial Firefighting Centre is keen to support research and development that will enhance the safety, effectiveness and efficacy of fire and emergency aviation. NAFC also supports the development of sustainable Australian research capacity in this field.

The NAFC Board has established a Research and Development Fund to provide financial assistance to suitable projects. NAFC also has established mechanisms to provide strategic and technical support and guidance to research and development projects.

NAFC is now pleased to invite submissions for financial or in-kind assistance with research and development projects and also welcome requests for strategic and technical guidance.

Submissions for funding assistance must meet NAFC's criteria, and should be submitted on the application form. Funding applications should be submitted via, and have the support of, a Member of NAFC (ie one of the States or Territories). Projects with an operational component must be conducted in cooperation with a NAFC Member agency, such as a State or Territory fire or emergency service.

Other criteria and project parameters include:

- Projects may include any research or development project that is considered by the NAFC Board or the appropriate Board committee to have potential to enhance the safety and/or effectiveness and/or the efficiency of fire and emergency aviation activities in Australia. Projects may include evaluations of appropriate products.
- Project providers may be any suitable institution, research centre, entity, NAFC Member agency, NAFC or individual.
- All funded or partly funded projects must have planned defined outcomes, including the reporting of results.
- Projects provided by external providers are to be the subject of a formal agreement between the provider and NAFC which defines appropriate outputs, milestones and reporting requirements.
- Projects may be funded in part, provided that the other funding sources required to deliver the project outcomes are suitably

assured.

- Selection of project providers should consider the opportunities to establish ongoing, available expertise and to promote the development of sustainable, ongoing research capacity in Australia.

Application forms and supporting documents are available at the link below.

For more information please contact info@nafca.org.au