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University of Newcastle receives funds to take research global

The University of Newcastle will receive grants to send researchers to meet and collaborate with global partners to progress their ground-breaking projects, under grants announced last week by the Australian Government.

The Global Connections Fund grant worth \$40,000 will help the researchers' project to grow in scope and scale, and to test commercialisation and proof-of-concept activities.

The grant will assist Professor Christopher Grof to partner with BioVale Ltd, a company in the UK, to evaluate chicken litter waste as a suitable feedstock for anaerobic digestion to produce biogas.

The Global Connections Fund is a component of the Global Innovation Strategy.

It is designed to provide funding of \$4.9 million over four years to support Australian researchers and SMEs to collaborate with a global partner through its two components—Priming Grants and Bridging Grants.

The 29 grant recipients announced last week by the Federal Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Arthur Sinodinos, will each receive up to \$50,000 under the Bridging Grants component of the Global Connections Fund.

The Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering (ATSE) supports the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, in the delivery of the Global Connections Fund.

More information about the Global Connections Fund is available at: www.globalconnectionsfund.org.au

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