

Increasing the incentives for collaboration between research and industry could be achieved by increasing the status and rewards associated with nationally competitive industry based research schemes such as the Australian Coal Association Research Program ([acarp.com.au](http://www.acarp.com.au)). The scheme is funded by a 5 cents / tonne levy on Australian Black Coal producers via Australian Coal Research Limited. This research scheme is completely run by the industry which ensures the research is targeted at industry needs.

Projects are executed under the guidance and oversight of industry monitors which ensures the outcomes are useful to industry. The scheme has been in operation since 1992 (see <http://www.acarp.com.au/Media/ACARP-20Years-PeoplePassionandthePursuitofExcellence.pdf>) and could serve as a model for supporting industry based research.