



‘FABLS’

Membership Benefits

Funds to travel, use equipment, collaborate with other institutions

- FABLS Network offers financial support for individual members’ projects designed to assist with the networking aspect and seeding applications for major funding;
- With two rounds of funding available each year, FABLS provides support up to \$10,000 for projects spanning at least two academic disciplines;
- FABLS Network offers financial support to access a large array of facilities around Australia. This support is available as part of project funding. Our website describes equipment available at various participating research organisations.

Support education and training

- FABLS hosts and supports seminars, teaching and training workshops throughout the year. Funding is available to the organisers;
- FABLS advertises job opportunities that come up within and outside the Network.

Promoting your science

- The FABLS Network has the mechanisms to promote researchers and their research;
- Beyond the Network, members’ activities are promoted at industry conferences and expos, through the Network’s newsletter, and through contact with companies, both direct representation and at industry association levels.

Information sharing

- The FABLS website and newsletter, and other events held throughout the year, provides members with the opportunity to keep up-to-date with the latest technologies via communications and information sharing with other members.
- FABLS provides selected sponsorships for student members to attend various sponsored workshops or conferences.
- FABLS contributes towards the reimbursement of costs to attend the annual workshop to encourage and facilitate members to gather, make contact with people from a variety of disciplines and exchange ideas.
- FABLS facilitates collaboration on projects when appropriate.

Additional Benefits for Company Members

Project funding

- Pilot project funding at a level of up to \$ 30,000 p.a. (\$10,000 per each of two rounds, with additional \$ 5,000 available for consumables). Support is for competitive projects spanning at least two academic disciplines and meeting other criteria. *There is no requirement to provide matching funds by your organization;*
- Opportunities for further project funding up to \$50,000 if a project continues for the second year, on the principle of dollar for dollar matching by your organisation. *Projects that require second year funding can be resourced to a total level of \$100,000. Available only for projects with Macquarie University.*

Access to resources

- Access to postgraduate scholarships to work on FABLS related projects. This is effectively a means to provide 3.5 years personnel support for projects of merit;
- Access to academic staff and student secondment program. Your organisation will be able to request, by mutual agreement, to have an academic or a postgraduate student work on your site for extended periods of time. This person will be fully funded by the Network while contributing to your efforts;
- Initial free access to the Network infrastructure and facilities. This free access will help you establish whether the use of the Network equipment is of value for your activities, at no cost to your organisation.

Training support

- Contribution to the design of the professional training programs offered by FABLS. Company staff can be trained in areas of Network expertise;
- Take part in the Network activities. This will involve taking part in the yearly workshop, selection of projects for financial support or project steering groups that monitor progress on selected projects.