



Research collaboration with Europe opportunities, prospects and challenges

International collaboration is an important aspect of the research environment and can form an important component of academic career development. The launch of the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) is an opportunity for FEAST, the European Commission and the major stakeholders involved in European-Australian research cooperation to highlight and promote their respective programmes and activities.

topics covered

- FP7, and beyond
- Individual countries
- Best practices
- Mobility
- Scheme details
- Resources

The FEAST Secretariat and the Delegation of the European Commission to Australia and New Zealand are holding a series of joint seminars throughout Australia in order to increase understanding of European-Australian cooperation. A seminar will be held in each state/territory capital plus a limited number of other locations according to demand. Each seminar will:

- provide an overview of the structure of the European research systems;
- describe the current state of collaborative activity;
- identify the major opportunities for collaboration;
- discuss Australian support for collaborative research; and
- highlight some successful outcomes and the resulting general lessons.

Schemes such as FP7, COST (European Co-operation in Scientific and Technical Research), and opportunities to collaborate with researchers and industry in individual EU Member States will also be covered, including examples of researcher exchange and mobility. Each seminar will conclude with a Q&A session.

The seminars are free and open to all academic and general staff, targeting early career and senior researchers from public and private organisations, research development staff and policy managers.

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seminar	where	when
Melbourne	Monash University	Tuesday 31 st July, 09:30–12:30
	Swinburne University	Tuesday 31 st July, 14:00–17:00
Hobart	University of Tasmania	Wednesday 1 st August, 09:30–12:30
Sydney	University of Technology, Sydney	Tuesday 7 th August, 09:00–12:00
	Macquarie University	Tuesday 7 th August, 14:00–17:00
Armidale	University of New England	Wednesday 8 th August, 14:00–17:00
Canberra	The Australian National University	Wednesday 15 th August, 09:30–12:30
Newcastle	University of Newcastle	Thursday 16 th August, 14:00–17:00
Brisbane	Griffith University	Tuesday 28 th August, 14:00–17:00
Perth	University of Western Australia	Monday 17 th September, 09:30–12:30
Adelaide	University of South Australia	Tuesday 18 th September, 09:30–12:30

Details about each event at: www.feast.org/seminars/2007

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