

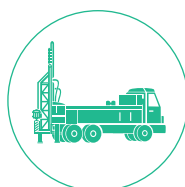
Accelerating Discovery



\$12 MILLION

OVER FOUR YEARS
(FY2026-27 TO FY2029-30)

FUNDED CATEGORIES



1. EXPLORATION DRILLING

Single deep holes and multiple hole programs in frontier terrains or testing new concepts in other areas.

MAXIMUM FUNDING
\$350,000



2. GEOPHYSICAL & GEOCHEMICAL PROGRAMS

Geophysical or geochemical programs that focus on innovative technology and concepts and provide for a significant improvement in data density or quality at a district or regional scale.

MAXIMUM FUNDING
\$150,000



3. REGIONAL GEOPHYSICAL OR REMOTE SENSING PROGRAMS

Regional programs that bring together multiple tenement holders to apply innovative technology or improve data density or quality and data sharing amongst the exploration sector.

MAXIMUM FUNDING
\$300,000



4. DATA DRIVEN GEOSCIENCE & SPATIAL ANALYTICS

Improving data science analytical approaches for resolving new targets in mineral exploration to accelerate discovery.

MAXIMUM FUNDING
\$50,000



5. GROUNDWATER

Sampling and testing of groundwater encountered during mineral exploration.

MAXIMUM FUNDING
\$50,000



6. RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Research collaboration and technology development projects that will benefit mineral exploration and accelerate discovery.

MAXIMUM FUNDING
\$200,000



Government co-funding
up to

50%

ROUND 1 TIMELINE (FY2026-27)



JULY 2026

OPENS – call for proposals



11 SEPT 2026
11:59 pm ACST

CLOSE – applications



AUG-OCT 2026

Assessment of proposals



by 31 OCT 2026

Notification to successful applicants



by 30 NOV 2026

Execution of grant funding agreements



EARLY DEC 2026

Public announcement of successful applicants



Rounds 2, 3 and 4 will follow a similar timeframe in FY2027-28, FY2028-29 and FY2029-30.

PROJECT DELIVERY PROCESS

1

Execute funding agreement

Successful applicants sign the Grant Funding Agreement with the Department for Energy and Mining.



2

Complete funded activities

Undertake the approved exploration activities in accordance with the agreement.



3

Submit final report and data

Provide a final technical report and geoscience data in the required format through MERS.



4

Receive final payment

Upon acceptance of the final report and data, the final funding payment will be made.



KEY FUNDING RULES



Up to 50% of eligible direct costs funded.



Maximum funding per proposal is \$350,000, even if multiple activities are included.



Program supports innovation, collaboration, data generation and exploration activity across South Australia.



Activities are generally expected to be completed within 12 months of agreement execution.



Administration, legal, program management and land access.



By accelerating mineral discovery and driving innovation, PACE Minerals will help grow South Australia's resources sector and deliver long-term economic benefits.