



How Companies can work with the School of Surveying and Spatial Information Systems

- **Participate in an ARC grant proposal.** Most academic research funding comes from the Australian Research Council (ARC). The “ARC-Linkage” scheme encourages companies to participate in grant applications by providing a relatively small proportion (typically \$5,000pa for a PhD scholarship, or 20% of the total funds requested for larger projects) of the funds for a research project that would benefit the company. The ARC provides the remainder of the funding. Tax benefits (125% rebate) also apply. For more details, see UNSW “Partnerships for Success” brochure (www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/research/arc_linkage.pdf).
- **Sponsor a PhD project.** An ARC grant can take up to a year to be reviewed, and there is no guarantee of success, so a company may prefer to initiate a fully-sponsored PhD project. SSIS has projects of this type operating at present. The stipend is \$24,000 tax-free to the student.
- **Sponsor employees to pursue part-time higher degrees.** Employees seeking to further their development by pursuing PhD, ME, and possibly the new MPhil, degrees would be exposed to the diverse and well-respected research teams at SSIS (over 20 research students), as well as the broader UNSW and international research community. The company would indirectly benefit from this access, and from the student’s upgraded skills.
- **Contract research.** SSIS undertakes a number of consultancy contracts each year, and has a broad range of research skills. Often these contracts lead to further collaborations and joint product developments. Contact us today.
- **Attend a Short Course.** The School runs regular short courses providing industry with an opportunity to upgrade their skills or learn about new developments relevant to surveying and spatial information. A short course may provide just the impetus to investigate further a new research area or launch a new business initiative.

For a summary of SSIS research activities visit: www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/research/research.htm.

Intellectual Property issues are always dealt with before any work begins. Full funding of the research guarantees IP remains with the sponsor; partial funding tends to lead to shared IP. Talk to us about such issues if seeking further information.

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