# The ARC Linkage proposal process

Below is a description of the ARC linkage proposal process.

## Step 1

The researcher/s contacts the SPIM research team with a proposal for an ARC linkage partnership. If the timeline is feasible, then the process can proceed to step 2.

## Step 2

At this step, there is an internal assessment of the proposal by Department of Education officers. The proposal must align with Department of Education priorities, Strategic Plan and existing research projects. If senior department officers agree that the research proposal can proceed, then the process will proceed to step 3.

## Step 3

A working group comprising the researchers and department officers is convened. The working group develops a draft application including a letter of support, cash and in-kind contributions. If there is agreement to proceed with the application by senior department officers, then the process will proceed to step 4.

## Step 4

The researchers submit the application to ARC.

## Step 5

ARC assesses the application. If funding is approved, then the process will proceed to step 6.

## Step 6

The researchers and department officers convene the research project team and proceed with the project.