The Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) invests in the knowledge needs of our three portfolio areas:

- New rural industries;
- Specific established industries; and
- Cross-sectoral national rural issues.

Our investments are driven by Five-Year R&D plans which address the needs of each industry and ensure our priorities are industry and government-driven.

RIRDC invites preliminary research proposals that will meet the specific objectives, or a number of objectives, of our programs.

If you think you or your organisation can help address the needs of our programs as outlined in the research priorities listed on our website (see below), we would welcome your application for funding.

We also welcome and encourage your collaboration with other research providers to build the critical research mass necessary to meet our objectives.

Doing Business with RIRDC

Details on the application process are available at www.rirdc.gov.au/business

This website includes a guide to the application process – Doing Business with RIRDC – as well as the detailed research priorities for each R&D program.

The deadline for submission of preliminary proposals is 12 September 2008.

RIRDC also provides postgraduate scholarships and travel funding in areas relevant to our research priorities.

For further information visit www.rirdc.gov.au/business