

## How can we help you?

**Collaborate** – MRIWA can facilitate and procure minerals research collaborating with local, Australian and international research and scientific institutions.

**Promote** – As well as directly supporting minerals research projects, MRIWA funds can support activities promoting public awareness of minerals research.

**Implement** – Our grants program is intended to develop implementable knowledge and technology solutions for the minerals industry.

**Consult** – MRIWA employs a multi-stage review process for every grant application, which includes independent technical assessment and review. The MRIWA Board considers every conforming application submitted.

**Educate** – The institute partners with Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University and The University of Western Australia in awarding scholarships for under-graduate and post-graduate research.



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research to benefit  
Western Australia's  
mineral sector

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## Who we are

The Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia (MRIWA), a statutory body established in 2013, supports and encourages research for the Western Australian minerals industry.

MRIWA builds on the achievements of the former Minerals and Energy Research Institute of Western Australia (MERIWA) with a refined focus on research to improve minerals exploration, mining and processing specifically for the State's mineral industry.

The board of seven directors oversees the control and management of the institute and reports to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum. Day-to-day operations are administered by the CEO.

Specialist committees advise the board; particularly on the merit of applications for research grants.

As an independent body reporting directly to the Minister, MRIWA works closely with other agencies in the Ministerial portfolio, having a shared interest in the State's resources sector.

## Our purpose

Our primary function is to provide and administer financial grants for minerals research to support and encourage the on-going development of the minerals industry in Western Australia.

MRIWA is part of the national mineral innovation system, identifying opportunities, investing in developing new knowledge, and contributing to providing this knowledge to end-users for the economic benefit of Western Australia.

## Our research scope

The MRIWA grants program is directed to areas most likely to deliver tangible benefits to the minerals industry and the State.

Applications for research grants must be for minerals research, conform to the MRIWA objective set out in the *Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia Act 2013*, and be within the scope of the institute's Research Priority Plan.

We have five priority research themes which we refer to when assessing project applications:

- 1. Find more resources** – develop methods and tools to meet the challenging exploration environments in Western Australia.
- 2. Expand the mining envelope** – allow deeper mining of more geotechnically challenging ore bodies.
- 3. Increase recovered value** – develop advanced modelling for processing circuits to efficiently recover minerals from increasingly low grade and complex mineralisation.
- 4. Improve productivity** – reduce the operating and capital costs of mining in Western Australia.
- 5. Develop new products and markets** – develop processes that lead to new mineral products and markets for Western Australia.

