

Research Impact Case Studies

What is “research impact”?

Research impact is defined as real-world change which has occurred as a result of new discoveries or knowledge. It can encompass any demonstrable benefit which has arisen from research conducted in a university setting. For example, impact can be social, commercial, environmental, medical, or cultural.

What is *Engagement & Impact 2024*?

The Engagement and Impact Assessment, or EIA 2024, is a national review of research impact at Australian universities. It is conducted by the Australian Research Council, the Commonwealth Government agency responsible for research and innovation.

In conjunction with Excellence in Research Australia (ERA), which reviews scientific publications, the EIA provides a mechanism for measuring return on investment in research. Through our submission to EIA, La Trobe University therefore seeks to demonstrate that our research has made a valued contribution to the economy, environment, and wider society.

Our submission to EIA will take the form of short case studies (approximately 1000 words) detailing the impact arising from specific projects.

What do we need from our stakeholders?

We need you to tell us how you have applied our research, and what you have gained. For example, has it contributed to a change in policy? increased productivity? improvements in practice? Each project will have its own set of indicators.

Please speak to your research partners to find out more, or email impact@latrobe.edu.au to discuss what kind of information might be applicable.

Privacy and confidentiality

Case studies are assessed by a panel of academic experts and industry representatives. Please do not provide any information that you do not wish to share with the assessment panel. By default, case studies may be made publicly available, but it is possible to redact confidential material. Please speak to your research partners regarding the use of sensitive and/or confidential information.

If you have questions...

La Trobe’s Research Performance team are happy to help: impact@latrobe.edu.au.