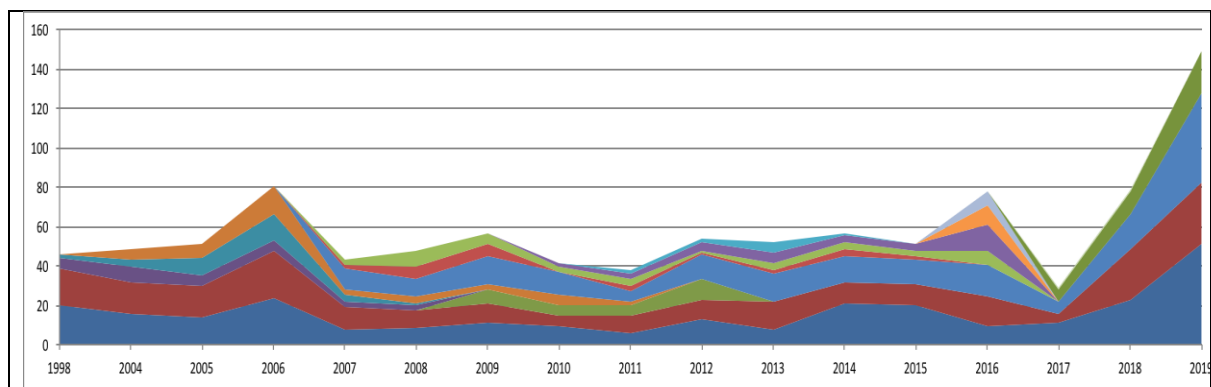




2019 BHERT AWARDS

2019 BHERT Awards: Significant demand growth in industry-university collaboration in Australia

The Business Higher Education Round Table (BHERT) has received a record number of applications for our annual BHERT Awards for outstanding collaboration between universities and businesses. **155** submissions were lodged from **31** universities and their partners. This is a **96%** increase on the submissions for 2018 (79).



Categories

The collaboration awards are broadly separated into 4 categories: research and development partnerships; higher education and training; community engagement; and national (non-economic) benefit. The R&D partnerships received particularly strong demand with **55** applications, reflecting national focus on competitive advantage through innovation. BHERT also noted the extremely high quality of programs submitted by all participating universities, and the prominence of innovative partnerships between higher education institutions and leading companies, addressing the skills required for modern workplaces (**32** applications). There were **44** partnerships between universities and community organisations. Another **24** applications related to non-economic (environmental, cultural, or other) benefit.

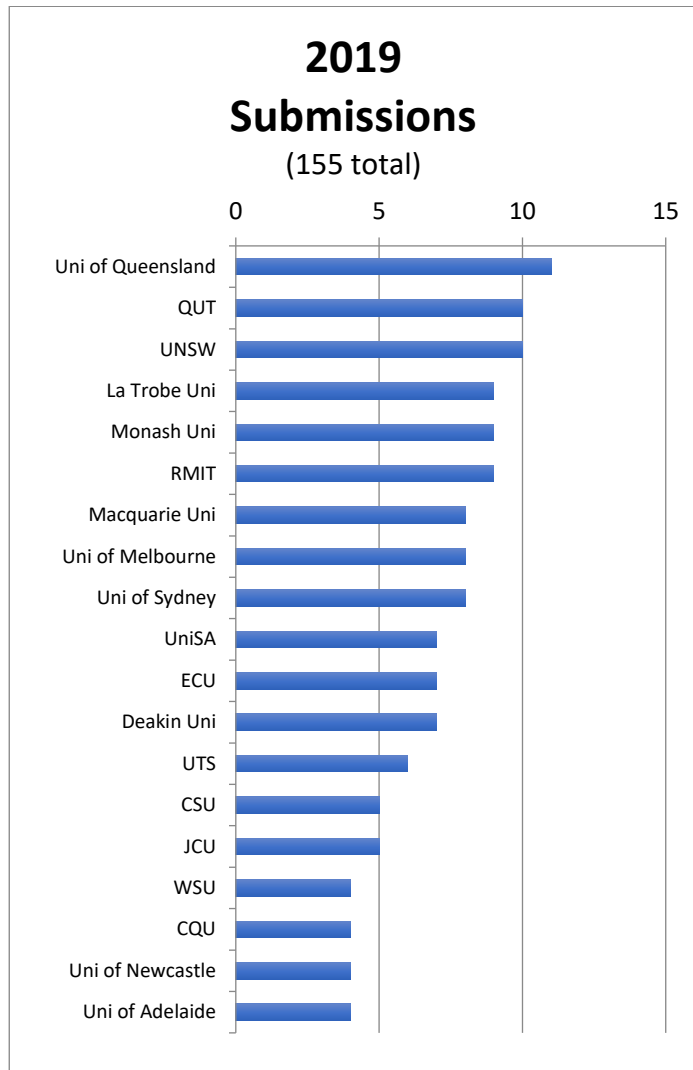
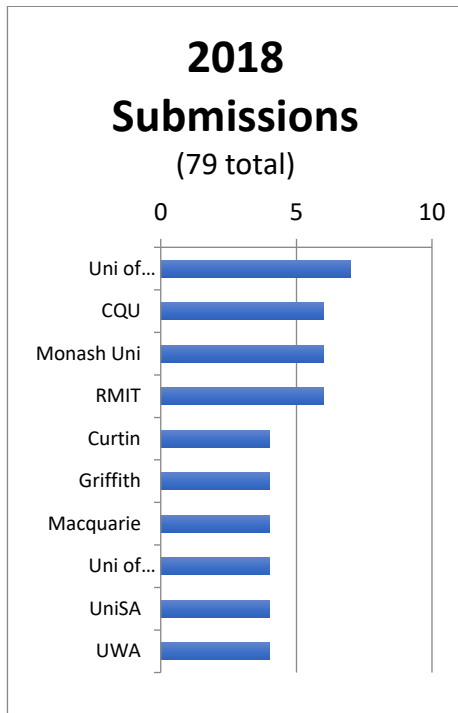
Sources of Applications

BHERT suggested targets of 5-10 for each of the major universities. In 2018, University of Newcastle led with 7 applications, followed by 3 universities with 6 applications each, and 6 universities with 4 applications each. A total of 29 Universities submitted applications.

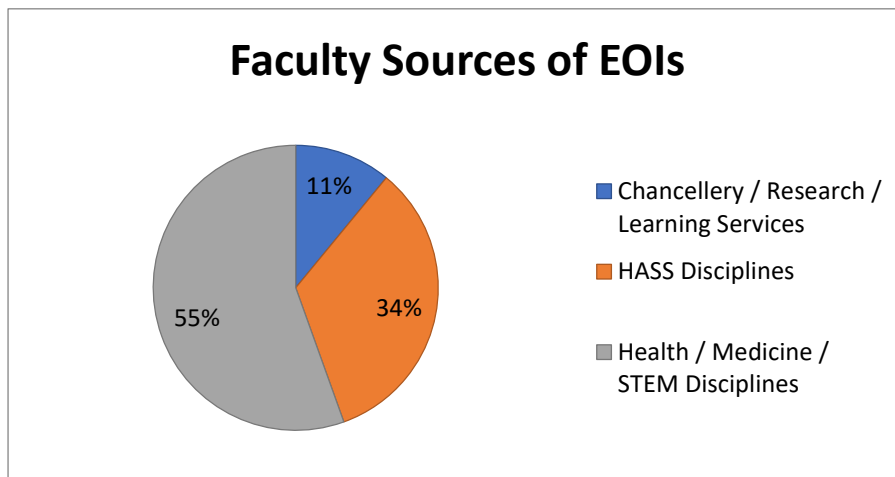
In 2019, the dynamics had changed:

- University of Queensland submitted 11 applications; UNSW and QUT submitted 10
- Three Universities – Monash, RMIT, La Trobe submitted 9 applications each
- Another 3 Universities submitted 8, a further 3 put in 7 Applications each

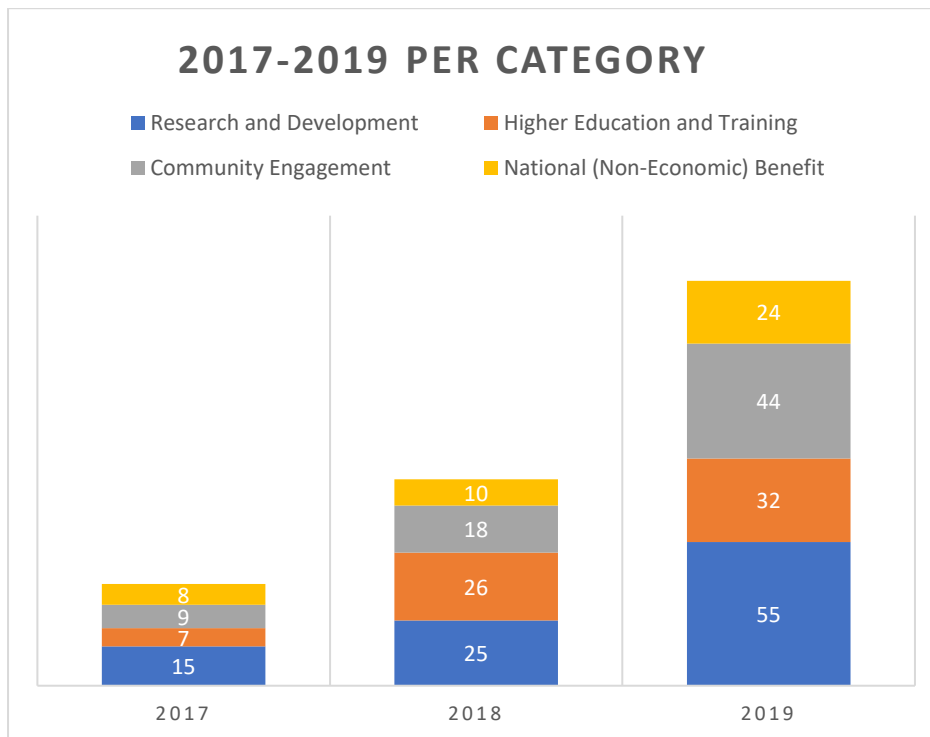
The universities who submitted 4 or more applications are shown below:



Faculty Sources



Awards by Category 2017-2019



Geographic Sources

