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New South Wales is a world research leader in smart technologies, from next generation communications, quantum computing, advanced robotics, through to solar energy and biotechnology.

Through DSRD support for the National Information and Communications Technology Australia (NICTA), Australian Research Council Centres of Excellence, and other National Research Facilities, NSW is a leading centre for research capabilities.

DSRD supports the research and development of new ideas and technology products and services by:

- supporting leading research and development organisations
- providing business and industry links for NSW research centres and NSW innovators to help them explore opportunities for investment or partnering to commercialise research outcomes
- helping NSW business access national and international funding opportunities.

Biotechnology

NSW is home to about 40% of Australia's biotechnology and medical device companies and has the highest level of Australian R&D investment in biotechnology, about A\$1 billion each year. The State accounts for 46% of Australian business investment in medical and health sciences.

[Find more information about the NSW biotechnology industry.](#)

Information and communications technology (ICT)

Most of Australia's ICT business R&D takes place in NSW. In 2004-05, the State accounted for 46% of the A\$872 million businesses spent on computer and communication services R&D in Australia. It also contributed 52% of the A\$250 million allocated nationally by businesses to electronic equipment R&D.

[Find more information about the NSW ICT industry.](#)

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