Humanities Arts Social Science Research

44% HASS

HASS contributed 44% of the total number of Units of Evaluation in the 2012 ERA research assessment exercise.

26% HASS

HASS represented 26% of total funding awarded in the ARC National Competitive Grants Programme.

According to the ERA’s Discipline Growth Index, of the 62 disciplines across the system recording growth rates above the average (12%), 32 are HASS disciplines.

The overall percentage increase in ARC funds across all FoRs (STEM and HASS) from 2002–12 was 62.6%; the HASS percentage increase was 89.1% and STEM was 55.2% * (calculated on 2012 equivalent dollars).

Total ARC funds for HASS
22% in 2002
25% in 2012

In 2010, HASS comprised $2.3B or 28.50% of total higher education R&D effort.

From 2002-12
$1.7B ARC funds awarded to 5,621 projects

Examples of HASS research projects

The University of Tasmania’s Centre for Colonialism and its Aftermath researchers have redefined our national identity through investigations of cultural heritage.

RMIT’s Bushfire community safety project focused on Australia’s ‘Prepare, stay and defend, or leave early’ approach to bushfire safety with the research findings informing and changing bushfire response around the world.

Flinders University’s Miscarriages of Justice project resulted in the South Australian Parliament changing legislation to grant 2nd or 3rd appeals if compelling evidence emerged to show that there had been a wrongful conviction.

Tweet reach: Researchers at The University of Newcastle, ANU & Deakin University investigated how Twitter can increase information exchange in people with communication disabilities.