



SME Scaling Suite

Capital. R&D. Engineering.

By Trailblazer for Recycling & Clean Energy

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

Open call for **Expressions of Interest (EOIs)** for the **TRaCE SME Scaling Suite**, with a funding pool of **\$2.1M** to accelerate the technical and commercial development of recycling and clean energy technologies.

This initiative provides SMEs with options for seed funding, R&D co-funding or research & engineering expertise.

[Express your interest!](#) 

DEADLINE: 25 MAY, 2026



3 capabilities together into 1 coordinated pathway:

Why?

TRaCE has identified critical gaps: many SMEs lack the capital, research expertise, and engineering support needed to scale climate deep tech.

To help address this, TRaCE has created a **bundled offering** of 3 programs designed to provide **streamlined access** to these essential resources.



Engineers

with the UNSW Technology Translation Squad

Dedicated electrical engineers embedded in your project to solve technical challenges in the areas of electrical, electronic and control systems.



Researchers

with an R&D Voucher

World class researchers and specialised equipment to fast-track R&D and de-risk early-stage innovation. Up to AUD 30k in matched funding available per project.



Investors

with the Early-Stage Seed Fund

Strategic early-stage investment to help you move from validation to scale.



For SMEs scaling climate solutions, TRaCE connects you to the right combination of support to de-risk your technology, navigate the Valley of Death and move faster.

Why TRaCE?

This unique and bespoke support has been designed to fast-track the development and commercialisation of new technologies. Our goal is to de-risk, scale and commercialise climate technologies through funding, tailored commercialisation support services, and streamlined processes that help viable products move swiftly to global manufacturing.

By working in partnership with UNSW and the University of Newcastle, SMEs also benefit from the credibility, networks and world-class expertise of leading research institutions—strengthening validation and increasing investor confidence.

Who can apply?

- Companies must align closely with TRaCE's strategic focus on advancing recycling and clean energy technologies. You should clearly identify a target end user customer within these sectors:



Clean Energy



Sustainable Fuels



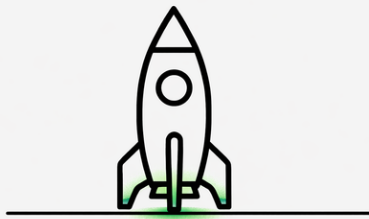
Solar Tech



Circular Economy

- Projects must have a net benefit to Australia regarding:
 - Emissions reduction
 - Contribution to GDP
 - Job creation
 - Export of Australian technologies into global markets.

THE PROCESS



Your Technology

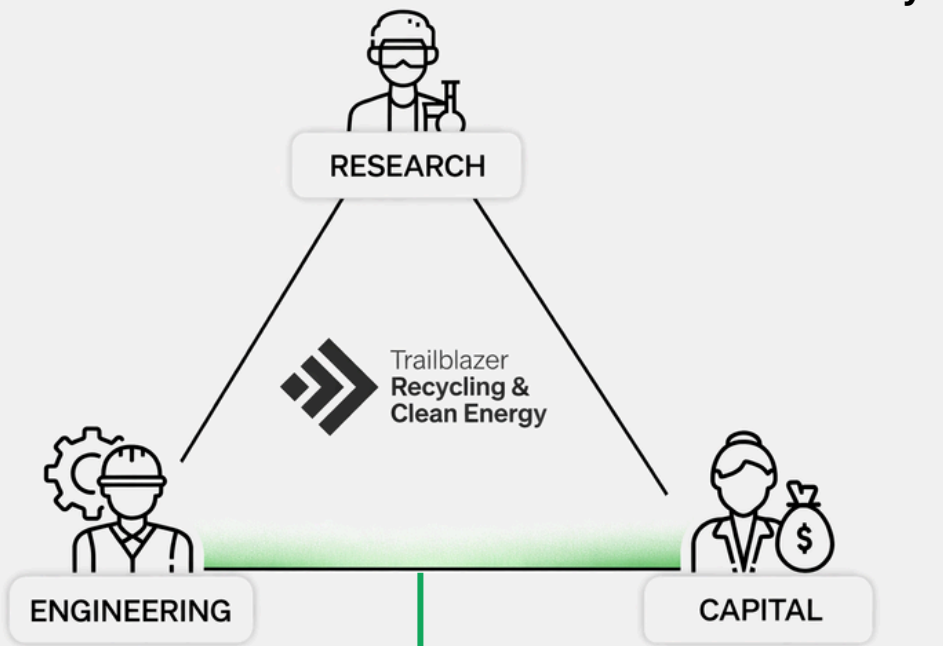


Submit an EOI



SME BUNDLE SUPPORT ←.....

Evaluation and matching by a TRaCE Program Manager



Scale & Commercialisation

SMEs can get support from one, two or all three programs. TRaCE will assess your needs and match you to the relevant support.



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Are you an SME looking to scale and de-risk your climate technology?

[Apply now and explore how TRaCE can support you!](#)

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