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RUN WINS GRANT TO IMPROVE MATHS SKILLS OF LOW SES REGIONAL STUDENTS

The Regional Universities Network (RUN) universities will work to improve the mathematical skills of low SES regional students through a grant of \$140,000 from the Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Programme National Priorities Pool to Southern Cross University.

The Chair of RUN, Professor Jan Thomas, said that the project, Bite Size Maths: Building Mathematics Capability of Low SES Students in Regional/Remote Australia, will build on the mathematics capability of low SES students in regional universities by improving access to mathematics based on the students own rate of learning.

"Course-based resources will be designed to help students tackle 'bite-sized chunks' of course-work mathematics at which they must become proficient. The project will develop these resources as an online learning system for use in the university sector for mathematics education for students with limited experience in mathematics. This learning system will be established online in an adaptive format for use across the national education sector as part of an online course or MOOC," Professor Thomas said.

"The project addresses the increasing demand for improvements in students' mathematical competence so that they can fully contribute as professionals in fields such as education, health, engineering, agricultural sciences etc," Professor Thomas said.

"Working together as a network will maximise the impact of this project in regional Australia. All universities in the RUN network are partners in this project with Southern Cross University."

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