



Australian Government
Department of Defence
Science and Technology

Call for Expressions of Interest

Modelling Complex Warfighting Strategic Research Investment Defence Operations Research Projects

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can submit Expressions of Interest?

Expressions of Interest are sought from individuals and teams from the Australian university sector.

Respondents must be able to enter into the relevant funding contracts, for universities this means that only those which have signed up to the *Defence Science Partnering (DSP) Deed* can submit Expressions of Interest.

Are there any limits on the number of submissions I can make?

No. Organisations and lead investigators can submit as many future work topics as they want.

Is there a format for EOI submissions?

No, there is no set format. Expressions of Interest should be no more than 2 pages – approximately one page each for your profile (including experience and available facilities) and the technical aspects of the proposed topic.

Will all topic areas be funded?

No. The best proposals will be funded irrespective of the topic area, therefore funding for all topics is not guaranteed. The Commonwealth reserves the right to fund no topics.

How much money is available for each project?

Project proposals can request funding up to \$100k.

What is the length of selected projects?

12 months. Projects are expected to be completed by 31th December 2020.

What options exist for follow on projects?

DST will work with successful partners to explore options for follow on research.

How many projects are you expecting to fund?

Depending on the quality and funding required, DST anticipates funding up to 5 projects under this Expression of Interest.

What terms and conditions are governing the agreement from this EOI?

All terms and conditions will be governed by DSP. For further information on this please email PartnerWithDSTGroup@dst.defence.gov.au

Will there be any co-investment (in-kind) required for the projects?

Yes. It is expected that partnering universities will make an in-kind contribution to the collaborative research. DST will be looking for value for money as it develops the research program.

Who will own the intellectual property from the projects?

IP will be owned by the university developing it. As required under the DSP, the university will license the Commonwealth to use any foreground IP for the research project and for Commonwealth purposes.

Does this call involve classified research?

The MCW SRI call to academia is specifically for unclassified research conducted in partnership with Defence. The selection panel may identify project proposals that are better suited for consideration through other DST programs, including where classified collaborative research might be possible. If this is the case then the MCW SRI Governance Team will direct the project proposal to the relevant DST POC.

Will I be able to publish results from the research?

Publication is possible but it must be approved by DST Group first.

Will there be further calls?

While we don't have one planned, it is anticipated that we will have another call for proposals in Financial Year 2020-21.

What assistance is available for preparing the proposal?

For advice on project suitability please contact Deanne Bateman (Deanne.bateman@dst.defence.gov.au) in the first instance. For advice on the application process please contact Lisa Paddick (lisa.paddick@defenceinnovationpartnership.com) at the Defence Innovation Partnership.

What criteria are being used to assess proposals?

The following criteria are to be used to assess proposals:

1. Sound, relevant scientific expertise.
2. Innovative approach.
3. Co-contribution by academic partners¹

¹ Co-contributions are non-financial and could include time allocations by senior academics and PhD students.