

Research Network for Undersea Decision Superiority
Expression of Interest – Application for Network Membership

University Name	
University Contact	Name: Position: Phone: Email:
<p>Please demonstrate how membership of the RN-UDS aligns with your University's strategic plans for growth in relevant research areas (1800 characters).</p>	

Please indicate potential opportunities where your University might be an active contributor to the network (1500 characters).

<p>Declaration:</p>	<p>In submitting this expression of interest I acknowledge that membership of the Research Network for Undersea Decision Superiority requires an ongoing commitment to build Australian capability and capacity to conduct research in areas of interest to the Network.</p> <p>Membership of the Network is not in effect until the Network Agreement has been signed by the applicant.</p>	
<p>Signature (Authorised Officer)</p>		
	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Date:</p>
	<p>Position:</p>	

Guidance

- Based on a model of mutual investment and open engagement, the aim of the Network is to create a sustainable research community that can be responsive to the future needs of Defence.
- The Network provides advice to DST on funding priorities to enhance Undersea Decision Superiority. The Network's Strategic Investment Plan provides guidance on the research areas of interest.
- Network membership is open to all members of the Defence Science Partnering Deed (DSPD).
- The Network is made up of university partners. Network Members will be required to sign a Deed of Accession to the Network Agreement and will be required to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the Network. This will take the form of activities contributing to the aims of the Network such as promoting the development of capability and capacity through research projects or supporting the operation of the Network.
Minimum contributions will be determined by the Advisory Board from time to time and may include, but will not be limited to, contributions falling within the following categories:
 - In-kind contributions to cover some operational costs of the Network including research facilities, office space, and meeting room space;
 - In-kind contributions providing administrative or technical support staff;
 - Contributing to building capability and capacity by leading and/or participating in funded projects;
 - In-kind contributions to cover the cost of events such as project reviews, seminars, symposiums or other Network activities;
 - Participation as a Advisory Board member or Research Advisory Committee member;
 - Cash contributions.
- The Network is governed by an Advisory Board that includes representation from DST and Network Members.
- The level of commitment required will be reassessed and re-defined from time to time by the Network Advisory Board. Cash subscription fees are not expected initially.
- Membership will be assessed periodically by the Network Advisory Board and new members provided an opportunity to join. Inactive members may be asked to leave the Network.
- An Interim Advisory Board will govern the Network for the first 12 months of operation. The Interim Advisory Board is chaired by retired submariner Steve Davies (CDRE ret) of Nova Systems, supported by independent members Dr Margaret Law (Naval Group) and Pat Hall (Independent Director), DST representative Dr David Gamble, and university representatives Dr Andrew Dowse (Edith Cowan University), Pru Ayling (University of Western Australia) and Tim Walton (Curtin University).
- Non-members of the Network, who are signatories of the Defence Science Partnering Deed, will still be eligible to participate in projects through collaboration with Network members through the usual subcontracting processes under the DSPD. Projects will be led by Network members.
- Please submit only one expression of interest form per organisation.