

Instruments of Engagement (Agreements)

DST has streamlined its instruments of engagement with universities, which are aligned to the Pillars of Defence Science Partnerships.

1. Research Agreement
2. Academic Appointment
3. Staff Secondment and Exchange
4. Collaborative Project
5. Post-doc Appointments
6. PhD DST Staff
7. PhD Scholarships (Standard)
8. PhD Scholarships (Project based)
9. Research Infrastructure Access
10. Material Transfer
11. Loan Agreement (Equipment)
12. Student IP
13. Cadetships/Scholarships
14. Indigenous Cadetships

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Defence Science Partnerships with Universities

Defence partners with the science and technology community through DST to develop capabilities for Australia's defence and national security.



Pillars of Defence Science Partnerships

DST aims to develop strategic research partnerships with key universities, collaboratively building capability in the innovation sector.

Accessing Research Excellence

- **Align academic research to Defence Science and Technology priorities.**
Australia can have a strengthened research effort through alignment and leverage.
- **Science excellence and reputation.**
The partnering university has an excellent reputation and delivers world leading science.

Partnering for Collaborative Research

- **Complementary skills base** between the partners (University and Defence).
- **Collaboration** to meet defence and national security needs.
- **Mutual leverage of funding base.**
A partnership of equals. Critical mass of research effort.

Developing Research Capability

- **New research avenues.**
Open up university capability to classified research programs.

Leveraging Research Infrastructure

- **World class research infrastructure.**
Mutual infrastructure access rights and resource sharing.

Fostering Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Excellence

- **Excellence in education.** University provides specialist academic training in emerging technology areas.
- **Increase numbers of Indigenous people and women in STEM.**
- **Build Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics career opportunities in Australia.**