



Defence and Security
Accelerator

DASA – Funding Innovation

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Our Mission

ABOUT US

We find and fund exploitable innovation to support UK defence and security quickly and effectively, and support UK prosperity.

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Competitions



545

Innovators supported



1306

innovations accelerated



£231m

Invested in innovation



6579

Proposals Received

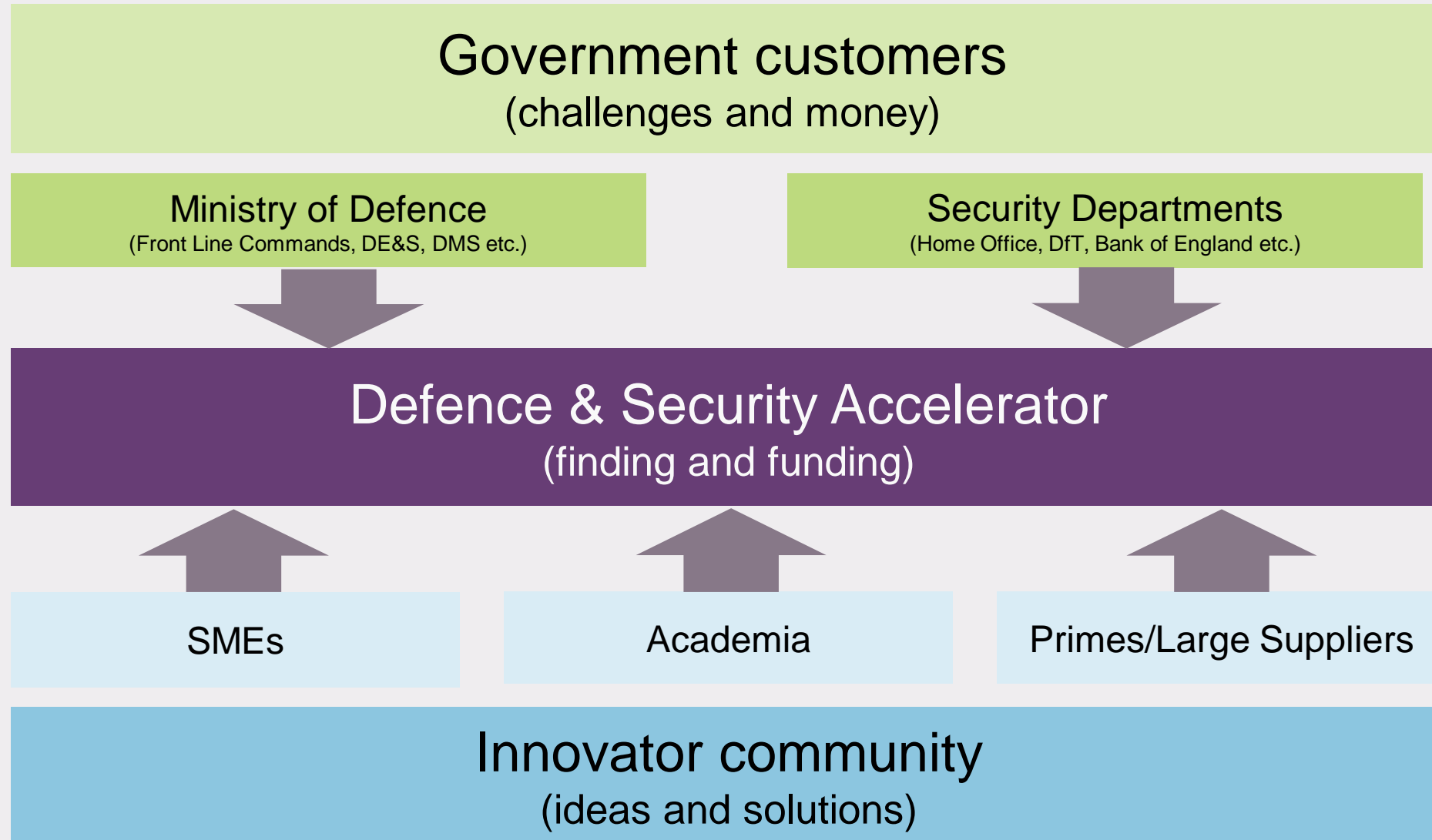


40%

of recipients are new to DASA



How do we work?





Government

Innovation is essential to National Security.

In order to find innovation, we often need to look for ideas outside of Government, that's where DASA can help:

- DASA Partners, embedded with Front Line Commands and Security Departments
- Bespoke services to find and accelerate new innovative ideas to meet Defence and Security Challenges
- Post-funding support to help innovators pull ideas through to impact
- DASA is centrally funded, our services are free



Government

Why do government customers work with us?

897

Technical Experts
and Assessors



901

Completed
projects



19

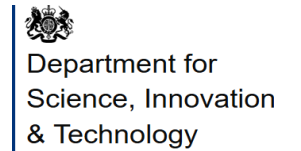
abstracts on the
Ideas Marketplace



25

New or improved
capabilities in
defence and security*





Our Customers

DASA is set up to accelerate innovative ideas towards impact and help businesses succeed.

- Innovation Partners provide advice and guidance
- Intellectual property stays with the innovator
- Quick, simple contracting process
- Project Managers and Technical Partners to support delivery of the projects
- Post-funding support to help SMEs pull ideas through to impact
- 100% funding through Open call and Themed Competitions



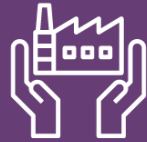
Innovators

Why do innovators work with us?

1 in 5
proposals funded



57%
Contracts
awarded to SMEs



£50-170k
Typical funding
amount



Up to **4x**
leveraged through
follow on investment



Innovators



Our Scope

DASA is **open to anyone with a good idea**, we support innovators based in the UK or overseas.

We are interested in:

- Any size organisation
- Any type of science and technology, products or services
- A broad range of maturity levels
- Any exploitation route

Collection Apply For Funding

At DASA, we find and fund exploitable innovation to support UK defence and security quickly and effectively, and support UK prosperity.

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We fund innovation through two main mechanisms, the Open Call Innovation and Themed Competitions.

Open Call for Innovation

The Open Call exists to offer suppliers the opportunity to submit ideas to defence and security stakeholders.
The Open Call welcomes innovations that address defence or security challenges. Please see some examples of work we have funded [here](#).
The Open Call is open for proposals all year round, with assessment dates...

Defence Innovation

DASA works with innovative organisations to deliver the next generation of security tools and services.

- Access over £250 Million in specialist Government funding opportunities
- List your ideas on our ideas marketplace (UK registered companies only)
- Get notifications about updates to available funding opportunities

[Start now](#)

Ideas Marketplace
The Ideas Marketplace is an online networking Collaboration Platform where UK innovators can share ideas, discuss and collaborate with like-minded users including government stakeholders, end users, other parts of industry and academia.

Army Innovation Hub
Standing for Army Rapid Innovation & Experimentation Lab, ARIEL seeks to work with innovative industries in a shared space, allowing ideas to be developed, and technology and equipment to be refined.

Defence and Security Accelerator
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de&s DE&S Future Capabilities Group
The DE&S Future Capabilities Group (FCG) works with industry to explore and de-risk new capabilities against Front-Line Command needs.

J-HUB
jHub is the Innovation centre for Strategic Command, seeking innovation and technology to enhance and improve the operation of the UK armed forces.

SWRDSC
South West Regional Defence and Security Cluster
These are regional collaboration clusters led by industry and academia with the support of government and its ministerial departments such as the MOD and its innovation directorate, and the Defence and Security Accelerator (DASA).

RAFEX
Royal Air Force Innovation Hub
RAFEX develops technology for the RAF to discover how it can help deliver safer, more efficient and predictable operations, and create the next generation Air Force.

NAVY X
Royal Navy Innovation Hub
Standing for Discover, Analysis and Rapid Exploitation, the DARE team explores ways of providing cutting-edge technology and operational prototypes to show where the...

UK Space Command
UK Space Command is a joint command staffed by the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, civil servants, and commercial partners. It aims to deliver...

Finding Innovation:

- Market Explorations
- Innovation Portal

Funding Innovation:

- Open Call for Innovation
- Themed Competitions
- Defence Technology Exploitation Programme
- Defence Innovation Loans

Our Offer

... plus **post-funding support** to help build the business

The Open Call offers innovators the opportunity to submit any idea that could help address defence and/or security challenges.

- Two lanes –
 - Open Call for Innovation (Defence)
 - Security Open Call – Rapid Impact
- Open all year round, with assessment dates scheduled across the year
- Open to any idea, concept, technology or service, at various levels of maturity
- Typically £100k - £350k funding
- Innovation Focus Areas identify specific challenges



Open Call for Innovation



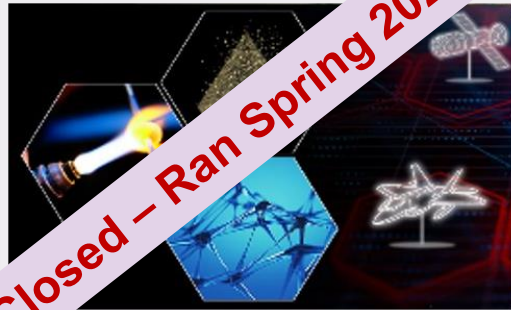
AI for Defence - Open



A Bridge to Fall- Open



**Beyond Line of Sight
Communications - Open**



Closed – Ran Spring 2023

Advanced Materials

Example Innovation Focus Areas

DASA's Themed Competitions enable Defence and Security customers to reach into industry and academia to find innovative solutions to specific challenges.

- Based on need and launched throughout the year
- Often multiphase
- 100% funding
- Access to Project Manager and Technical Partner for the length of your project
- Demonstration event to stakeholders at the end of the project



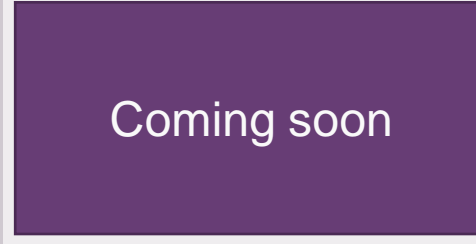
Themed Competitions



**Space to Innovate-
Charlie Drop**
Closes 12 July



Humans in Systems
Closes 19 July



Coming soon

**Autonomous air
systems (UAS)**
Opens 15 Jun 23



**Human
Augmentation**
Closed 13 June



**GAN Communications
& Networks**
Closed 31 May



**Intelligent Ship
Phase 3**
Closed 06 June



The Sub-Threshold
Closed 06 June

Example Themed Competitions

The Defence Technology Exploitation Programme (DTEP) helps SMEs join the defence supply chain through partnering with a Higher Tier supplier.

- Up to 50% grant funding to SMEs for supply chain development projects up to £1M (max £500K grant)
- Projects are aligned with MOD Enduring Capability Challenges
- The Higher Tier supplier contributes time and resources to work with the Lower Tier supplier
- The Higher Tier supplier will get early access to novel materials, technologies or processes



DTEP
SERVICES

Our Innovation Portal provides a front door to MOD innovation. Providing access to:

- DASA Submission Service
- Collaboration Finder
- DASA Communications Hub
- The Ideas Marketplace



Innovation Portal

The Ideas Marketplace is online platform where innovators can collaborate, share ideas and get innovations in front of stakeholders. Innovators can:

- Foster collaborative relationships and partnerships with other innovators
- Get updates on funding opportunities from across the defence and security community
- Gain access to networking and collaboration events

Search the Ideas Marketplace:

enter a phrase or keyword e.g. miniature robots



Hide filters

Sort by

View per page



Ideas Marketplace



Post-funding Support

We offer a number of post-funding services to maximise exploitation and help innovators build their business:

- Bespoke reporting to ensure customer sight of the innovation's route to market
- Tailored services to meet the suppliers' needs
- Onward support post-DASA contract to promote the innovation to market
- Business mentoring
- Access to funding

Defence Innovation Loans are designed to help SMEs commercialise their mature defence solutions.

- Exclusively for SMEs
- Innovations must be at TRL 6 or above
- Loans from £100,000 - £2million
- Loans can cover up to 100% of project costs to aid commercialisation of the solution
- Below market interest rate
- In partnership with Innovate UK



Defence Innovation Loans

Meet the Team

Our Innovation Partners help innovators throughout the UK and abroad understand opportunities across the defence and security community.

How to contact us:

- Visit www.gov.uk/dasa and click 'Get in touch with DASA'
- Submit an 'Contact DASA' form
- Attend regional outreach events
- Follow us on social media



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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-a-dasa-innovation-partner#how-to-get-in-touch-with-your-local-innovation-partner>



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