

Agencies, Other MOD Teams, Government Departments and Organisations

DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY (DSTL)

What we do

The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) provides solutions to the problems of defence and security by delivering high-impact science and technology.

Who we are

Dstl is an Executive Agency of MOD, run along commercial lines. It is one of the principal government organisations dedicated to science and technology in the defence and security fields.

Our role

The two parts of our role are:

1. Delivering science and technology for defence and security

- Maximising impact and value from the science and technology portfolios.
- Supplying specialist science and technology services which must be done in government.
- Providing expert and impartial advice, analysis and assurance.
- Integrating science and technology delivered by industry, academia, wider government and its allies.

2. Stewardship of defence and security science and technology capabilities

- Ensuring the required capabilities are available now and in the future in line with the science and technology strategy.
- Bringing together the right people, relationships, infrastructure, knowledge and licences to practice.
- Maximising the effectiveness and efficiency of our science and technology infrastructure and assets.
- Working with industry, academia, wider government and its allies to access and build capability.

Our priorities

We help MOD to implement the recommendations of the National Security Strategy and the Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015, in particular to:

- Identify and monitor national security risks and opportunities.
- Protect the UK and our interests at home, at our border and internationally, in order to address physical and electronic threats from state and non-state sources.

Who we work with

Dstl works mainly with MOD, but because of our expertise and facilities, particularly in the wider area of UK defence and security, we work across government for more than 40 government departments and agencies.

We work with our partners in industry, academia and allies, using science and technology to help to solve defence and security issues.

We are charged by MOD to steward S&T capabilities – both inside Dstl and throughout the supply chain – so that the right capabilities are ready and available now and in the future for the UK's defence and security.

Our locations:

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DEFENCE AND SECURITY ACCELERATOR (DASA)

What we do

DASA finds and exploits innovations which support the defence and security of the UK faster and more effectively, and generate economic value for the UK. We will become the go-to place for government, private sector, third sector and academics to find solutions to defence and security problems and needs.

Who we are

DASA was announced in the Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015 and is a key component of the Defence Innovation Initiative. Hosted by Dstl with a cross-government remit, it is formed with personnel from MOD, Dstl and the Home Office with experience of working in government, academia, the Armed Forces and SMEs. We aim to be the vanguard for finding ways to innovate, and will role-model a new innovation culture across defence and security.

Our role

Our role is to find and exploit innovations which support the defence and security of the UK. With access to the £800 million Defence Innovation Fund, DASA finds new opportunities through outreach, scouting, market intelligence and networks. From an idea on a page through to ready to use products, technology or services, we provide government customers an end to end service.

Our priorities

Our priorities are to:

- Build our networks and find innovative ideas.
- Accelerate the development of solutions to real-world problems.
- Maximise pathways to exploitation.

Who we work with

Anyone with a good idea can submit it to DASA for a quick decision, and may secure funding, support, technical advice and mentoring, and be introduced to potential users. We welcome interest from sole traders, SMEs, large organisations and academia globally, and work closely with industry and government.

For more information on DASA, the Open Call and other themed competitions, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-and-security-accelerator> or join our LinkedIn group at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8585186>.

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