



DEFENCE INNOVATION HUB

Develop. Invest. Collaborate.

This signature innovation development program will assess and manage your proposal. The Hub is interested in ideas that are ready to enter the development stages of the innovation process – from concept exploration and technology demonstration, through to prototyping and integrated capability demonstration and evaluation.

Funded at around \$640 million to 2025–26, the Hub will integrate Defence's existing innovation programs as part of a new streamlined innovation system that will make it easier for you to do business with Defence. The Innovation Hub will connect Defence, industry, academia, and research institutions to collaborate on innovative technologies that can be developed into advanced capability for Defence.

We want to hear from you

Defence recognises that great ideas can originate from a wide range of participants from both industry and the research sector. The Hub is designed to provide an equal opportunity for all participants to put forward their great ideas, make connections and collaborate in the development of innovative technology, while working in close partnership with Defence. So whether you are a researcher, a small to medium enterprise, or a prime Defence contractor, we want to hear from you.

We can help you by

- ▶ articulating Defence needs and capability challenges to industry, academia and researchers
- ▶ requesting proposals from industry and academia for innovative and disruptive ideas to strengthen and improve capability
- ▶ building collaborative programs with Defence stakeholders. We are committed to getting the right people into the room at the right times throughout the innovation journey to deliver mutually beneficial outcomes
- ▶ providing advanced contract management for innovation activities, including timely assessment and testing of innovation projects
- ▶ championing innovation across Defence, helping to bring about cultural change.

Your innovation journey

Learn

If you are new to engaging and doing business with Defence, the Centre For Defence Industry Capability advisers will be able to explain and guide you through the fundamentals.

Discover

All ideas are welcome 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you would like to find out the priority areas for Defence, these are available on the Innovation Portal at business.gov.au/cdic.

Submit

Submit high-level information about you and your idea by completing the Innovation Proposal form found on the Innovation Portal at business.gov.au/cdic. Once submitted, your proposal will be assessed and managed by Defence.

Assess

The Defence Innovation Hub team will conduct a rapid assessment of your proposal to determine if it is best suited for the Defence Innovation Hub or the Next Generation Technologies Fund. If Defence likes your idea you will be asked for more detailed information.

Complete

If you make it through the first quick assessment, the Defence Innovation Hub team will send you a Request for Proposal (RFP) pack to find out more about your idea. This is your chance to tell us all the important information about your idea. Once you complete your RFP pack and the detailed assessment is complete you may be asked to enter into contract negotiations.

Negotiate

The contract negotiation phase is quick and easy, so we can get great ideas into development. The Hub will work with you to negotiate a statement of work that will develop your idea along the innovation pathway towards a capability outcome.

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Develop

The four phases of innovation development.

1. Concept exploration
2. Technology demonstration
3. Prototype system
4. Integrated capability demonstration and evaluation.

Connect

It may turn out that your innovation is better suited to industries outside of Defence, or that there are opportunities for you to join domestic or global supply chains. The Centre for Defence Industry Capability advisers will be able to introduce you to the right people and connect you with opportunities for your business.

Grow

In the fast-paced innovation environment, the landscape changes very quickly and your initial idea may end up needing to be reworked or further developed. Whichever path your innovation journey takes, we will help you with support and guidance to grow your business and knowledge capital along the way.

Manage

Defence understands that innovation is risky and sometimes things don't work out. The innovation contract has been designed to be flexible to support participants through the development of their innovation, even when things don't go to plan.

Acquire

Once your innovation is developed it may be ready to progress into various Defence acquisition programs and pathways. Defence will work with you to guide your innovation development to be ready for transition into capability acquisition.

