



Innovating in the defence industry

Do you have an innovation that could contribute to Australia's defence capability? Defence innovation programs support the development of defence-related ideas and technologies in industry and the research sector. The Centre for Defence Industry Capability (CDIC) can help you connect with Defence innovation programs.

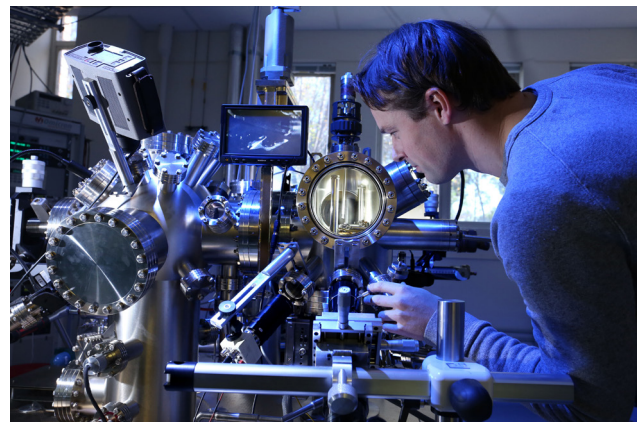
The opportunity to innovate

The Australian Government is investing \$200 billion over the decade and beyond to modernise Australia's defence capability.

Australia's businesses, research institutions and academics have a track record of producing some of the world's most innovative technologies. Defence innovation programs make it easier for industry and Defence to innovate together.

With the increasing pace of geopolitical, economic and technological change, it's critical that Defence can access the best innovation Australia has to offer. Investment in innovation helps Defence to:

- remain resilient to emerging threats, including the possible use of disruptive technologies by adversaries
- take advantage of new or developing areas of technology that have the potential to provide a capability edge for Australia's relatively small force.



Defence innovation programs

Defence innovation is built around two signature programs:

- the Next Generation Technologies Fund, with funding of \$730 million over the decade to 2026
- the Defence Innovation Hub, with funding of around \$640 million over the decade to 2026.

These two programs have been designed to support, respectively, the research and development aspects of innovation. The focus of the Next Gen Tech Fund is on research and emerging technologies, including those that are expected to deliver on a time horizon greater than ten years. The Defence Innovation Hub is focused on developing and maturing technology into a commercialised product, and acquisition.



How the CDIC can help

The CDIC connects Defence and Australian industry, academia and research organisations. Our national network of business advisers work closely with Defence, prime contractors, researchers and other government bodies, building a network of knowledge and relationships across the defence industry.

If your business is preparing an innovation proposal to the Defence Innovation Hub or Next Gen Tech Fund, our advisers can help you:

- develop your proposal to align your commercial proposition to Defence's innovation priorities
- understand the new Defence innovation intellectual property and contract framework.

If your business is successful in gaining Defence innovation funding, we can help with specialist defence business and commercialisation advice, and possible diversification opportunities in adjacent industry sectors. We can also facilitate:

- connections to other businesses and potential markets through programs of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (such as the Entrepreneurs' Programme and Industry Growth Centres)
- access to international innovation programs, including those in the US and UK.

Applying

The CDIC is the gateway to Defence innovation programs. Find opportunities and information about applying on our website, business.gov.au/cdic.

The majority of funding opportunities are published as special notices. Special notices describe a specific requirement that you may be able to respond to.

In addition, the Defence Innovation Hub accepts unsolicited proposals, especially proposals that meet an identified Defence innovation priority:

- intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, electronic warfare, space and cyber
- key enablers
- land combat and amphibious warfare
- strike and air combat
- maritime and anti-submarine warfare
- air and sea lift.

However, true innovation calls for blue sky thinking and Defence welcomes any idea related to Defence capability. If you feel your idea would be of value to Defence, you can submit a proposal. If in doubt, our CDIC business advisers are happy to chat to you about your idea and steer you in the right direction.

Where a technology is identified as having a Defence application, Defence is able to work with the company, business or organisation through the Defence Innovation Hub, and provide funding, so that the technology can be matured in a collaborative way.

Next steps

• Visit us at business.gov.au/cdic

Our website has a lot more information about Defence innovation programs and priorities, opportunities, and how the CDIC can help with your proposal.

• Talk to one of our business advisers

Our specialists can advise on innovation opportunities and help you refine your proposal. Call the CDIC on **13 28 46**.

• Get the Defence Industry and Innovation newsletter

We email monthly updates on defence industry developments and events. Register through our website (business.gov.au/cdic).

• Attend industry events

Find out about upcoming events and register at business.gov.au/cdic.

• Network with others in the defence industry

Defence industry associations and the defence industry office in your state or territory are a good starting point. These are listed on our website.