**RESEARCH PROPOSAL FORM**

Applicants should read the Nuclear Deterrence Fund [Statement of Requirement](https://modgovuk.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/dno-policy/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B4E7F541C-62FC-48E4-B018-9222309AF0B9%7D&file=2-%2020240620%20Statement%20of%20Requirement%20DRAFT.docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true) prior to submitting an application. We also recommend that potential applicants discuss project ideas with us before submitting proposals. Please complete and submit this form along with the budgetary form and any appendices to [DNO-NuclearDeterrenceFund@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DNO-NuclearDeterrenceFund@mod.gov.uk).

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| **1** | **PROJECT TITLE** |  |
| **2** | **PROJECT VISION STATEMENT**  *(150 WORDS MAX.)* |  |
| **3** | **PROJECT PATHWAY**  *(DELETE AS APPROPRIATE.)* | Knowledge Accelerator Pathway / Advanced Pathway |
| **4** | **DURATION** |  |
| **5** | **BUDGET REQUESTED (£)** |  |
| **6** | **PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) DETAILS**  *(Name, email, phone number). For those applying in partnership with other institutions, please also include the relevant details here.* |  |

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| **7** | **PROJECT OUTLINE**  Please outline your proposed project. This section should include:   1. A problem statement. 2. Aims and Objectives. 3. Project outline (including research design and methodology where applicable). 4. Summary of activities and deliverables. 5. The potential applications and benefits of the project.   *(1000 WORDS MAX.)* |
| 8a | **CONTRIBUTION (KNOWLEDGE ACCELERATOR PATHWAY ONLY)**  Please clearly explain how the project:   1. Aligns with the Programme’s stated outcomes and broader MoD and UK government strategic objectives. 2. Contributes to the advancement of new knowledge, ideas, tools, and/or methodologies. 3. Supports knowledge exchange within the UK and internationally. 4. Leverages diverse perspectives, activities, and skills into project design and/or implementation.   *(1000 WORDS MAX.)* |
| 8b | **CONTRIBUTION (ADVANCED PATHWAY ONLY)**  Please clearly explain how the project:   1. Supports the development of a community of practice within the UK. 2. Aligns with the Programme’s stated outcomes and broader MoD and UK government strategic objectives. 3. Contributes to the advancement of new knowledge, ideas, tools, and/or methodologies. 4. Supports knowledge exchange within the UK and internationally. (Please note, applications for the Advanced Pathway should include an L&D offer for at least one early- to mid-career expert.) 5. Leverages diverse perspectives, activities, and skills into project design and/or implementation.   *(1000 WORDS MAX.)* |
| 9 | **DELIVERY TIMELINE**  Please provide a proposed schedule for your project. This should include details of all key activities, milestones and deliverables, including expected outputs (e.g., research papers, events, policy briefs, datasets, etc.). This can be presented as a Gantt chart, table, or list. |
| 10 | **TEAM COMPOSITION AND SUITABILITY**   1. Please provide the names and roles of the project team. You may add rows as necessary. If you are applying as a consortium or working in partnership with other institutions, please also list them here.  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Team member** | **Short role description** | | Joe Bloggs | PI | | Jane Doe | Co-PI | | TBD – to hire | Research Fellow | | TBD – to hire | Research Assistant |  1. (Accelerator Pathway Only). Please provide a brief outline of you/your team’s track record, networks, and expertise, including how these will be leveraged to support project objectives. For early- to mid-career researchers, please provide evidence of your ability to deliver high-quality, policy-relevant research and analysis and outline any relevant experience. 2. (Advanced Pathway Only). Please provide a brief outline of the team’s track record, networks, and expertise, including how these will be leveraged to support project objectives.   (*1000 WORDS MAX.)* |
| 11 | **MONITORING AND REPORTING**   1. Please briefly outline your monitoring and evaluation plans, including how you will evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the project. 2. If this funding application is successful, the MoD will require the submission of monthly budgetary updates, quarterly project reviews and end of financial year reports. The MoD also reserve the right to periodically request additional project updates sufficient to meet the needs of the MoD. Please confirm that you agree to these terms and conditions.   *(Delete as appropriate.)*  Yes/No |
| 12 | **RISKS**  Please identify the risks associated with the project. Include how they will be mitigated, their probability and impact.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Risk | Mitigation | Probability and Impact | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |
| 13 | **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**  In accordance with [DEFCON 540](https://www.kid.mod.uk/maincontent/business/commercial/downloads/defcons/pdf/540_0523.pdf), the Contractor must promptly notify and provide details to the Authority if an actual, potential or perceived Conflict of Interest arises or it is anticipated may arise in the future. The Contractor must also take steps to ensure that neither the Contractor nor the Contractor’s Personnel are placed in the position of an actual, potential or perceived Conflict of Interest. Please confirm that you agree to these terms and conditions.  *(Delete as appropriate.)*  Yes/No |
| 14 | **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR)**  Any IPR related matter including the ownership arising from the Project will be agreed between the parties in accordance with the contract terms and conditions and [DEFCON 705](https://www.kid.mod.uk/maincontent/business/commercial/downloads/defcons/pdf/705_0621.pdf). Please confirm that you agree to these terms and conditions.  *(Delete as appropriate.)*  Yes/No |
| 15 | **SOCIAL VALUE MODEL**  For procuring the provision of services, or the provision of services together with the purchase or hire of goods or the carrying out of works, the [Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/3/enacted) requires English and Welsh public authorities to consider the economic, social and environmental wellbeing and implications of proposals at the pre-procurement stage. Research proposals submitted to the Nuclear Deterrence Fund must therefore be broadly align to one of the following themes and policy outcomes:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Themes** | **Policy Outcomes** | | 1. COVID Recovery | * Help local communities manage and recover from the impact of Covid-19. | | 1. Tackling economic inequality | * Create new businesses, new jobs and new skills. * Increase supply chain resilience and capacity. | | 1. Fighting climate change | * Effective stewardship of the environment. | | 1. Equal Opportunity | * Reduce the disability employment gap. * Tackle workforce inequality. | | 1. Wellbeing | * Improve health and wellbeing. * Improve community cohesion. |   Please explain how your research proposal addresses one or more of the themes and outcomes in the table above.  *(300 WORDS MAX.)* |
| 16 | How did you hear about the Fund? |
| 17 | Please use the space below to outline anything else relevant to this application which has not been covered above. |
| 18 | Please include a list of any appendices below. |