

Coronavirus: £1million Defence innovation funding

A £1million fund to fast-track innovation to aid the Armed Forces in the fight against Coronavirus is today launched by the [Defence and Security Accelerator \(DASA\)](#).

The call is open to any idea or novel approach that could boost the Ministry of Defence's capabilities and work as part of the [national effort against Coronavirus](#) or similar future threats.

Director of Defence Innovation Clare Cameron said:

Innovators and industry have stepped-up to the plate with a remarkable response to the Coronavirus outbreak. This investment will unleash the power of innovation to rapidly help us in the national effort against Coronavirus.

Coronavirus is not just a health emergency, but also one that affects many other aspects of the way we live. That is why £1m has been allocated to launch this rapid response call today seeking the very best ideas from innovators.

Head of DASA Anita Friend said:

This is a broad call for innovation, meaning we are open to any idea from anybody to solve or tackle any challenge.

If you think you have a great idea that can help us in these unprecedented times, then we want to hear from you.

The funding is a new strand of DASA's [Open Call for innovation](#). The Coronavirus strand will initially be open for one week from today – closing midday on 15 April – for rapid assessment of the first wave of proposals.

DASA will continue to accept proposals after 15 April for consideration.

[More information about this call and how to submit a proposal can be found here.](#)

The initiative is being run by DASA with support from the [Defence Science and Technology Laboratory \(Dstl\)](#).

Earlier this month, DASA launched a call for [rapid sanitising technology to speed up the time it takes to clean ambulances](#) in conjunction with the Welsh Government – attracting more than 200 proposals in just one week.

Successful proposals are expected to be chosen this week with trials and assessments starting soon after.