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News story

Professor Ronni Bowman's work to combat COVID-19 was recognised at the annual Women in Defence Awards.

A Dstl Fellow and honorary professor at Liverpool University has received a prestigious gong at the [Women in Defence Awards](#) for her work to combat COVID-19.

Ronni Bowman won the national award in the Innovation and Creativity category at a ceremony in London last night.

She said:

> I am over the moon to receive the award. I wasn't expecting it as there is so much incredible work going on and the calibre of the other people nominated for the award was really high.
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> I am just one of many people doing work across Dstl to help with the pandemic and this award really recognises the hard work of my dedicated team.

The work involved creating a methodology to pull together models and data into one coherent statistically rigorous viewpoint.

Professor Bowman said:

> When COVID hit literally everything else I was doing was put on hold.
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> It's something that you never want to happen but it does make you feel that the work that you have been doing is actually useful and

there was a point to it.

I developed, with my team, a system that combines different model outputs so it enabled us to combine all the epidemiological estimates from the different universities and create a single unified set of values and predictions of what COVID might do.

The software the team produced is now with Dstl's partner [Ploughshare](#) to look at other ways this can be used.

Professor Bowman is a fellow and works in the field of statistics and data science.

A total of 6 women from Dstl were shortlisted for an award.

Professor Bowman and colleagues from Dstl feature in this short video about how Dstl has supported the global response to COVID-19.

[Women in Science v COVID-19](#)

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