



## IDEaS Communiqué - First Call for Proposals for **Innovation Networks**:

As outlined in Canada's defence policy, [Strong, Secure, Engaged](#), adapting and innovating quickly are crucial to developing and maintaining capabilities that address the challenges presented by today's evolving global defence and security environment. To this end, innovation, knowledge, and problem solving are essential for Canada and its allies to mitigate threats and meet evolving defence and security needs.

In that context, the Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) program will foster creativity and ingenuity in Canada by enabling the creation of networks of experts, providing support and opportunities to innovators, and by facilitating the integration and adoption of new capabilities for the Canadian Armed Forces and public safety and security communities.

Multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary teams, termed *Micro-nets*, are invited to submit research proposals on the following Innovation Challenge area from the defence and security community:

- [Advanced Materials: Avoiding Detection and Physical Protection](#)

The IDEaS First Call for Proposals for Innovation Networks will provide non-repayable contribution funding to seed and sustain Micro-nets of at least five investigators from a minimum of three separate institutions or organizations from the academic, non-federal government, public and/or private sectors. A Canadian university must administer the contribution funds. Full details are available in the [Innovation Networks Application Guide](#).

Micro-nets must propose interdisciplinary research programs aligned with the Innovation Challenge.

Funding will be provided by the IDEaS Transfer Payment Program, a federal government contribution program administered by the Department of National Defence.

The total budget for this call is **\$9,000,000**.

Each Micro-net can request up to **\$1,500,000** over three years.

Co-funding is not mandatory, however participants from for-profit organizations will be required to contribute up to 50% of their costs.

### **Important dates:**

Online portal for submission of Letters of Intent: opens May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Deadline for submission of Letters of Intent: July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 12:00 pm (noon) EDT.

Deadline for submission of the Full Proposal: October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 12:00 pm (noon) EDT.

An information session will be held in English and French on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. To register for one of these sessions please send an e-mail to [IDEaS-IN.IDEeS-RI@forces.gc.ca](mailto:IDEaS-IN.IDEeS-RI@forces.gc.ca) by June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Please visit our [website](#) to learn how to register and apply for this call, and for more information about IDEaS. You may also contact us by email at [IDEaS-IN.IDEeS-RI@forces.gc.ca](mailto:IDEaS-IN.IDEeS-RI@forces.gc.ca).

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