# **Collaborative Research Grant Round 7 – FAQs**

### Will you accept late submissions?

No, late submissions will not be considered.

### Will you accept incomplete submissions?

No, the application form must be completed with all required information.

### If I have more detail than can fit within your word limit(s), can I attach additional information to my application?

We will accept up to 1 page of additional or supplementary material.

### Do the research team members need to have a security clearance for our CRG application to be eligible for funding?

The DSC does not require a personal security clearance when applying for the CRG, but all participants must be citizens of Five Eyes Alliance countries (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States), NATO member countries, or permanent Australian residents. If the outcome of the CRG has the potential to be classified, or if classified inputs or discussions are needed to complete the work, then all team members undertaking CRG activity must be willing to undergo a security assessment if requested and, at a minimum, obtain a Baseline security clearance.

You should also discuss this requirement with your defence research university liaison office (see ‘Getting Help’ in the guidelines) for any internal university policy regarding personnel checks when applying for national security-related projects.

## **Collaboration FAQs**

### Do I need to collaborate with more than one university?

No, but the nature of the grants is to encourage collaboration so those who do will score better in the evaluation.

### Do I need to collaborate with an industry partner?

Yes, the nature of the grant is to encourage collaboration with industry.

### Do you require detailed information on industry partners?

You will need to provide the contact details of the industry partner on your application and provide a letter of endorsement from any participating partner.

### I’m interested in participating but I’m not part of a team.

Contact [dsc@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:dsc@dpc.wa.gov.au) with your details and we can recommend a collaborator.

Or attend our [Topic workshop session](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/defence-science-centre-continuum-event-trusted-autonomy-tickets-1629280845869) on 25 September 2025 at the ANZAC Club to hear the details in person and pitch yourself.

## **Funding FAQs**

### Does DSC have a stake in IP?

No, the IP will be retained by the applicants. We do recommend IP agreements take place between collaborator before submitting your applications.

### How many projects will be funded?

DSC will fund as many projects as possible.

### Do I need to ask for the full $200,000?

No. We encourage you to request the amount that your project genuinely requires. This allows us to fund as many projects as possible. However, if your project requires the full amount, we recommend that you do so.

### Do I need to make a co-contribution?

No, but proposals with co-contributions of funding or in-kind resources from team members will score better in the evaluation.

### Do budget items need to include GST?

If you have to pay GST on these items, please indicate this.