

Request Reference: 3706

FOI Request dated 13/08/2026 –

In the below request, the phrase ‘arms trade companies’ relates to any company on the SIPRI Top 100 arms-producing companies and Defence News Top 100 lists.

This is limited to the following companies:

1. BAE Systems
2. Babcock
3. QinetiQ
4. Rolls-Royce
5. Serco
6. Cobham
7. Raytheon (RTX)
8. Airbus
9. General Dynamics
10. Leonardo MW
11. Lockheed Martin
12. Thales
13. MBDA
14. Elbit Systems
15. Northrop Grumman
16. L3 Harris Technologies
17. General Electric
18. AVIC
19. GKN Aerospace
20. Boeing
21. Ministry of Defence (MoD)
22. Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL)
23. Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE)

In the below request, the phrase ‘research project’ is related, but not limited to:

Any academic research collaborations that involve (as partner/funder/collaborator) university students or staff conducting research with the above-listed arms trade companies’.

Please limit the search to information held within the Research and Innovation Funding Office (RIFO).

This includes the following activities:

- **Sponsored, Commissioned, or Collaborative Research Projects**
 - Any research project, programme, consortium, or contract
- **Research Centres, Institutes, Laboratories**
 - Any research centre or department, doctoral training centre, or similar research structure
- **Student, Doctoral, Innovation, or Applied Research Arrangements**
 - Studentships, professorships and fellowships for the purpose of conducting specific research

1. Please may you provide information on any partnership or funding for ‘research projects’ from ‘arms companies’ from 01 August 2024 to 31 July 2026 (request date), broken down by:

- i. The title and descriptions of the project or centre and academic department(s) involved
- ii. The project partners and source of funding (to be included, the source of funding does not have to be an arms trade company)
- iii. Academic years, including the start and end date (DD-MM-YY) of the funding or project.
- iv. Total amount in GBP provided for each project or centre (e.g. centre for doctoral training)
- v. Other participating UK universities

2. Please provide the name of the location, system, department, faculty, function or any other part of the university where information regarding the listed activities would ordinarily be held based on your search for the requested information, regardless of whether any relevant records were identified in Question 1.

- a. If the information requested in Question 1 is held or would be held centrally based on your search, please identify the department, faculty, research unit, administrative office, or other part of the university that holds/would hold or manage the relevant information centrally.
- b. If any part of the information requested in Question 1 is not held centrally, please specify which parts are not held centrally and identify the department, faculty, research unit, administrative office, or other part of the university that holds, manages, or is otherwise most likely to hold the relevant information.

Response

No information held.