



INNOVATION  
AWARDS



# INDIAN OCEAN DEFENCE & SECURITY

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The AMDA Foundation Limited will present the **Indian Ocean Defence & Security (IODS) 2024** Innovation Awards during the **INDIAN OCEAN DEFENCE AND SECURITY 2024** at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, 24-26 July, 2024.

There will be four Innovation Awards:

- **Indian Ocean Defence & Security 2024 Innovation Award**
- **Indian Ocean Defence & Security 2024 Young Innovator Award**
- **Indian Ocean Defence & Security 2024 Emerging Technology Award**
- **Indian Ocean Defence & Security 2024 Collaborative Innovation Award**

The winners in these categories will receive a \$10,000 cash prize as well as a handsome art glass trophy.

For further information and to submit an entry go to: <https://iods.com.au>

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1 The **IODS 2024 Innovation Award** and **Emerging Technology Award** are open to Australian companies and the Australian subsidiaries of overseas parent companies, and to consortia, Defence agencies and organisations that are teamed with Australian companies.

1.2 To be eligible for the **IODS 2024 Innovation Award** or **Emerging Technology Award** the entrant must also have its headquarters and the majority of its operations based in Australia; and have an Australian Company Number (ACN) and/or Australian Business Number (ABN).

1.3 The **IODS 2024 Innovation Award** and **Emerging Technology Award** will be presented to the innovators that, in the opinion of the judging panels, have developed the most innovative new product, service, production or manufacturing process or approach to business in a specific category.

1.4 The **IODS 2024 Young Innovator Award** is open to Australians working (or doing the majority of their work) in Australia, even if their employer is the local subsidiary of a foreign company. He or she may be employed by a company, academic body or government organisation but must not be employed in a senior supervisory position.

This award is aimed at engineers, researchers and scientists near the beginning of their career, including emerging leaders who may have less than 7 years post-qualification experience due to a break in study, and is to be used to further develop their capabilities. The person may be self-nominated or nominated by his or her employer. The employer doesn't necessarily need to be an entrant, award finalist or winner.

The nominee must be under 30 years of age as of the date that nominations fall due though Judges might, at their discretion, accept entries from those who are slightly older but have less than 7 years post-qualification experience due to a break in their education or career.

AMDA welcomes entries for the Young Innovator Award from across the full spectrum of early career engineers, researchers and scientists.

1.5 The **IODS 2024 Emerging Technology Award** is open to Australian companies, research organisations and universities who have a product, service, process or approach to business which may be of a low Technology Readiness Level (TRL) – typically, less than TRL 5 or 6 – but which addresses an identified Defence or Defence Industry need and could be developed to the point where it could be commercialised and adopted by an end user.

1.6 To be eligible for the **IODS 2024 Collaborative Innovation Award** entrants must consist of teams of two or more individuals or organisations who have entered in one of the three categories above. Their entries will be assessed by the judges as if they are a single entity, but the nature and level of their collaboration will also be taken into account in the marking.

1.7 Entrants selected for the Award Pitchfest must be able to travel to Perth, WA, at their own expense.

1.8 An innovation may be submitted only once unless (in the opinion of the Judges) it is too immature to be considered and so should be re-submitted once more when further refined; and it may win only once.

## 2. Timeline

2.1 Nominations will open on Tuesday 5 March 2024, closing at Close of Business on Monday 6 May 2024. The Top 20 entrants who have been selected to Pitch at **IODS 2024** will be announced during the week beginning 27 May 2024.

2.2 The winners will be presented with their trophies at **IODS 2024** (24-26 July 2024).

## 3. Disclaimer

3.1 AMDA Foundation Limited reserves the right not to present an Award in any specific category if, in the opinion of the judging panels and the AMDA Foundation Board, no entrant is considered to be of sufficient quality.

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