

## **U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)**

Each Agency has specific mission focus

[Research and Engineering Enterprise](#): The mission is to foster technological dominance across the Department of Defense and ensure the advantage of the American warfighter.

[Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency](#) (DARPA): explicitly reaches for transformational change instead of incremental advances. But it does not perform its engineering alchemy in isolation. It works within an innovation ecosystem that includes academic, corporate and governmental partners, with a constant focus on the Nation's military Services, which work with DARPA to create new strategic opportunities and novel tactical options. For decades, this vibrant, interlocking ecosystem of diverse collaborators has proven to be a nurturing environment for the intense creativity that DARPA is designed to cultivate.

[Air Force Research Laboratory](#) (AFRL): leads the discovery, development and delivery of warfighting technologies for our air, space and cyberspace forces; pushing the boundaries and creating a new tomorrow through unparalleled research.

[Army Research Laboratory](#) (ARL): Discovers, innovates, and transitions science and technology to ensure dominant strategic land power.

[Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions](#) (HBCU/MI): These programs are designed to improve the capabilities of HBCU/MI to conduct research and educate scientists and engineers in areas important to national defense.