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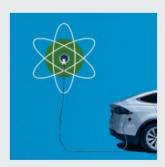
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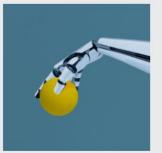
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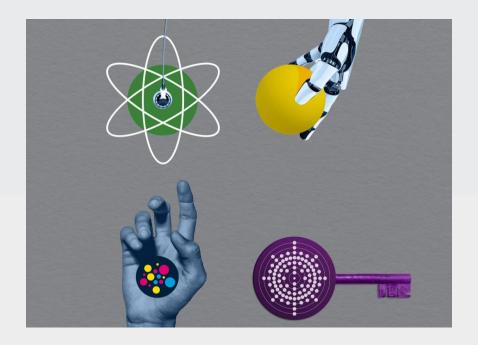


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# Delivering for the New Nuclear Landscape

The nuclear landscape has changed.

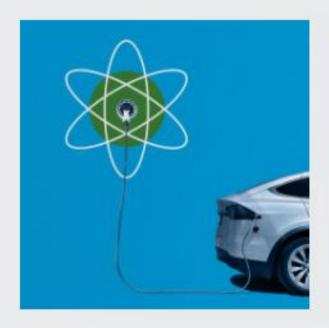




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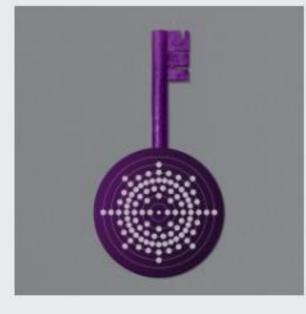
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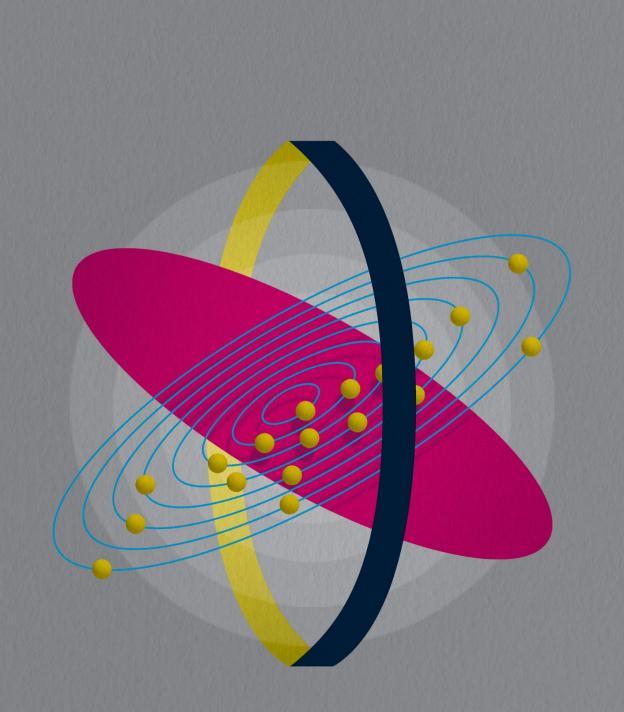
# Our Science and Technology Agenda

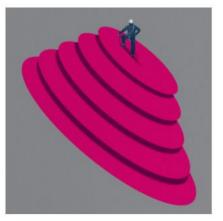
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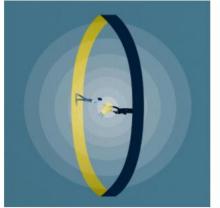
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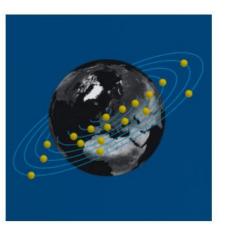
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Core Science

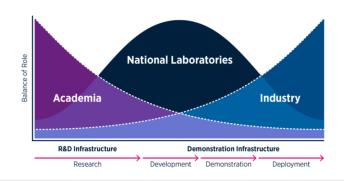
Innovation

Strategic Research



#### Collaboration

We recognise that we cannot hold these three pillars up alone. The foundation that underpins all our work is Collaboration: working with academia, industry partners and our national and international collaborators to bring together key skills, infrastructure and financial resources, ensuring that we can successfully deliver our Science and Technology Agenda.



#### Collaboration in Numbers

We are currently involved in

12

**EU** programmes

with a combined value of

€75 million

and recently won

all six

of our bids for Horizon 2020 funding

Each year, we engage with

**30+** international events

and collaborate with a range of international partners including the

IAEA & NEA

as well as other national laboratories in Canada, France, Japan and the USA

In 2020, we supported around

100

PhD students

and

25

postdoctoral research assistants (PDRAs)

20 universities

In 2020, we supervised

25 researchers

involving a team of

60+ industrial experts

Since 2015, researchers from

35

different organisations

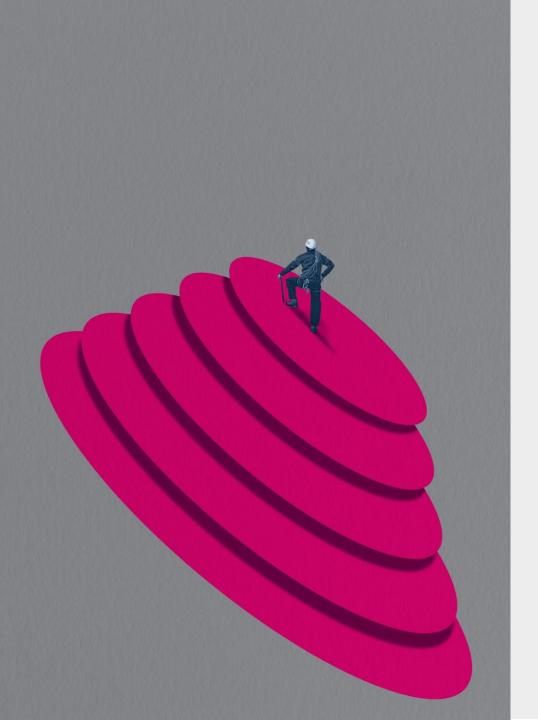
have accessed our facilities, with

30+

different nationalities represented



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#### Our 12 Core Science areas

Our Core Science themes provide a platform for innovative and scientifically challenging work for our scientists, of which risk taking – but with a fail-fast approach – is a necessary component.



Advanced Recycling Isotope Separations (ARIS)



Environmental Radiochemistry



Post Irradiation Evaluation (PIE) & Materials Performance



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Reactor Chemistry (& Corrosion)



**Advanced Fuels** 



Thermal Treatment



**Nuclear Safety** 



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Structural Integrity



**Decontamination Science** 



Health and Nuclear Medicine



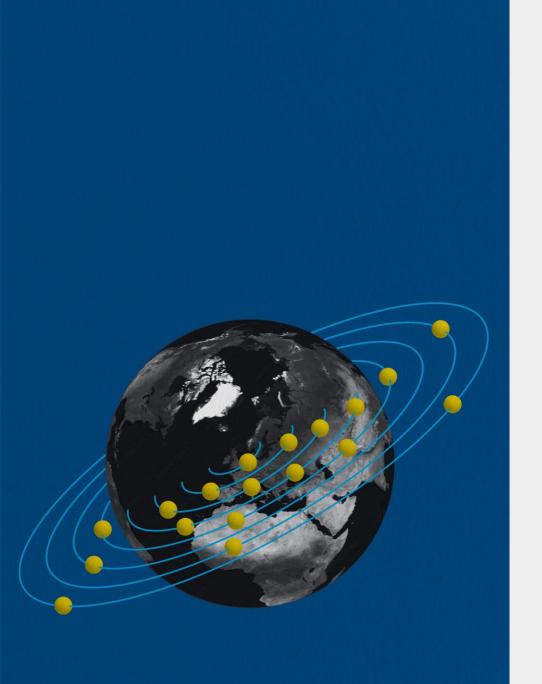
Reactor Technology



Irradiated Fuel Characterisation



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# Strategic Research



# Advanced Fuel Cycle Programme (AFCP)

Evolving advanced fuels and recycling concepts to elevate the UK's clean energy innovation.

AFCP is a multi-disciplinary programme that is supporting the nation's transition to net zero by 2050 and, in the process, providing a platform for UK manufacturing and engineering businesses to expand and innovate.



### Alpha Resilience Capability (ARC)

Sustaining and enhancing the UK's world-leading alpha skills capabilities.

Led by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), the programme is a collaboration of industry partners focused on ensuring the UK maintains alpha resilience in capability and skills for decommissioning, long term material storage, and disposition in addition to future clean energy advancement. Our experts lend essential support to ARC by driving Plutonium research and development, and leading on the Technical Workstream.





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## Advanced Nuclear Skills and Innovation Campus: academic research and development projects

On behalf of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the National Nuclear Laboratory (NNL), Game Changers are inviting proposals from academic institutions for access to facilities at NNL's Preston Laboratory to undertake research and development projects focussing on advanced nuclear technology.

The projects must be undertaken between 8th November 2021 and 25th March 2022.

This funding call is part of a short pilot of the Advanced Nuclear Skills and Innovation Campus (ANSIC), delivered by NNL on behalf of BEIS, and will provide research grants of up to £65k per project. It is intended that two research projects will be funded. The cost of instrument and facility access at NNLs Preston Laboratory and support from NNL experts will be covered by ANSIC, and therefore free at point of use for the successful researchers.

#### Find out more

In this call, proposals for research projects that explore all potential uses of nuclear technology as part of a low carbon economy are invited. This includes, but is not limited to, research projects investigating:

- The use of nuclear technologies in hydrogen production, direct heat for industrial or domestic use, energy storage, chemical synthesis and production of medical isotopes
- Technologies that enable the recovery and reuse of radioactive waste material for energy and non-energy use
- · Technologies that reduce the cost of advanced nuclear systems
- · Mechanisms of enabling licensing and validation of new technologies
- . Opportunities to derive additional value from advanced nuclear systems

An online briefing event will take place at 11am on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to provide an overview of ANSIC and further information about this call. The application process will be explained in detail and attendees will have an opportunity to take part in a Q & A session. Registration is free and via Eventbrite.

Proposals must be submitted using the Game Changers online application system. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

https://www.gamechangers.technology/challenge/Advanced Nuclear Skills and Innovation C ampus: academic research and development projects



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