

# NDA developments & needs

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**Nuclear Academics Meeting**  
**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015, Sheffield**

# Academic R&D on NDA Estate

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# What does NDA want from academia?

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## NDA Strategy III

Target publication date April 2016

## NDA University Research strategy

Publication date before April 2016

## NDA 5 year R&D plan

To be reviewed early next FY

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- **Will be assessed by Nuclear Waste & Decommissioning Research Forum working groups**

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- **2016 Bursary seminar**
  - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Manchester
  - Expect >40 industry technical leads to be present

# Other news

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- **EPSRC iCASE awards**
  - 3 vouchers for NDA this FY
  - Projects to be finalised by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015
  
- **DRP framework re-competition**
  - New supplier framework for 2016 onwards
  - University research lot (e.g. PhD industrial supervision, contract management) will still be a sole supplier
  - Supplier information day 23<sup>rd</sup> September, Westlakes, Cumbria

# Other news

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- **Historic academic review**
  - All NDA-sponsored PhDs since 2005
  - Will be made available on NDA Knowledge Hub
  - For consideration when constructing new proposals
- **University R&D impact assessment**
  - Studies now covering 2012 - 2015
  - Various metrics to measure benefits & progress