



INNOVATION
AWARDS

 **2024**
Land Forces
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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The AMDA Foundation Limited will present the **Land Forces (LF) 2024** Innovation Awards during **Land Forces 2024** at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 11 September, 2024.

There will be three Innovation Awards:

- **Land Forces 2024 Innovation Award**
- **Land Forces 2024 Young Innovator Award**
- **Land Forces 2024 Emerging Technology Award**

The winners in these categories will receive a \$40,000 cash prize as well as a handsome art glass trophy.

In addition, there will be a special Award, but no cash prize, for the Best Pitch

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

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1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1 The **Land Forces 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 **Land Forces 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 **Land Force 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 **Land Forces 2024 Innovation Award** and **Emerging Technology Award** are also open to research organisations and universities, consortia, Defence agencies and organisations that are teamed with Australian companies and who have a product, service, process or approach to business which may be of a high Technology Readiness Level (TRL) – typically 7, 8 or 9 in the case of the Innovation Award and a low TRL – typically, less than TRL 5 or 6 in the case of the Emerging Technology Award – but which address an identified Defence or Defence Industry need and, if an emerging technology, could be developed to the point where it could be commercialised and adopted by an end user.

1.5 The **Land Forces 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.

1.6 Entrants selected for the Award Pitchfest must be able to travel to Melbourne, VIC, at their own expense.

1.7 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 Wednesday 27th March 2024, closing at Close of Business on Wednesday 12 June 2024. The Finalists who have been selected to Pitch at Land Force 2024 will be announced during the week beginning 1 July 2024.

2.2 The winners will be presented with their trophies at **Land Forces 2024** (11 September 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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