Encountering Innovation

9th Annual Conference

March 18-21, 2025

In-Person, Multi-State Event *(10+ States)*

KC Metro: at JCCC, Overland Park, KS and at UMKC, Kansas City, MO

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Calling All Technology Innovators!

Are you ready to take your technology for use in the US Military?

- Present your advanced technology innovation to the Department of Defense Science & Technology Advisors
- Support through the **DoD-Defense Innovation Unit (DIU)**.
- NOTE: Pitch presentations require working prototype by conference date.

LIMITED ENGAGEMENT

Only 25 Innovators Accepted

What You'll Gain:

- *In-person 1:1 engagement with DoD Combatant Command Science & Technology Advisors for 'Late-Stage' Technology Readiness Levels (TRL 7 - 9) Innovations*
- *Opportunities for collaboration, feedback, and partnership development with DoD and other federal agencies.*
- *Training & Advising from various Subject Matter Expert (SMEs) along with advisors from Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) from participating states.*

Who Should Apply?

- **Technology innovators / University researchers with TRL: 3-6 / Poster session only TRL: 7-9 / Pitch session**

APPLICATION DEADLINE

1st Cohort Deadline for Applications: Nov. 17, 2024.: encounteringinnovation.com

Defense Innovation OnRamp Hub: Kansas

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