

ABOUT APEX:

APEX is an United States Air Force (USAF) Partnership Intermediary through Wright State Applied Research Corporation (WSARC). APEX cultivates innovation by expanding the American research enterprise for the USAF by engaging and collaborating with innovators across academia, industry and the Department of Defense (DoD) who possess science and technology (S&T) of interest to the USAF; utilizing data analytics to identify transformational operational defense solutions in academia, industry and government sectors; providing high-touch coaching for business startups and proposals; and engaging with DoD programs to connect universities, businesses and government entities in a way that moves defense technology from discovery to reality.

WHAT WE DO:

- Enhance access to top national & global talent
- Advance innovative workforce development
- Create a strong pipeline of technology proficient people
- Exercise granted authorities to support agile practices
- Expand the DoD's scientific presence
- Enhance the visibility and accessibility of the S&T enterprise
- Cultivate partnerships and increase technology transition opportunities

HOW WE DO IT:

- **Identify** collaborators, innovators and S&T opportunities using data analytics and active connection programs
- **Build & Connect** a nationwide network of innovators and technologists from universities, small businesses and government
- **Develop & Deploy** targeted education programs to train university and partnered small business innovators to effectively interface with the USAF
- **Drive** innovation through the creation of high-performance teams
- **Accelerate & Diversify** the transition pipeline via challenge problems, novel and targeted STTR topics and tech transition opportunities with primes, program executive officers and program managers

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