

Research and innovation

between the intelligence, cyber and security agency and academia. As a first for the agency, the new partnership will see GCHQ publish its own research jointly with leading UK universities. This joint publication will allow the agency to tap into fresh perspectives from across the universities to bring creative thinking to bear on

order to help further the UK's science capabilities, enabling faster innovation in a range of strategic areas including machine learning, linguistics, behavioural sciences and criminology.

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New partnership to deliver cutting-edge cyber security programme for executives

Lancaster University and Templar Executives, a leading cyber security company, are joining forces to develop a unique new cyber programme aimed at executives.

This exciting new partnership combines the expertise of Lancaster University, one of the UK's premier cyber security research and education universities and executive education providers, with that of Templar Executives, an award-winning international cyber security consultancy providing strategic advice and training to governments and commercial organisations across the globe. The partners aim to design and deliver an innovative Cyber Security MBA that will help drive business resilience and growth in local and global organisations.

Targeting business leaders and executives, the Cyber Security MBA programme, which launches in 2022, will be industry-focused with an emphasis on tackling and learning from real-world examples and cross disciplinary challenges.

Supporting government ambitions for the UK to be the 'safest place to do business online' in the world, the Cyber Security MBA will highlight the need to engrain cyber security throughout organisational culture and there will be a key focus on how cyber security can drive opportunities for business growth.

It is one of six research centres announced by the ESRC this week, all of which will tackle urgent social and economic challenges.

The announcement comes at a time of unprecedented change to public services, with police increasingly at the frontline of managing the risk of harm to the most vulnerable in society.

The centre will explore how the police, public service providers (such as health, social care and housing) and other partner organisations can collaborate to prevent and respond to changing vulnerabilities and inequalities.

The centre will draw on expertise from the Police Foundation, the Universities of Liverpool, Manchester and Sheffield as well as Durham and Lancaster universities and Monash and Temple universities in Australia and the US.

It will have significant reach in shaping policy and practice through a network of 38 regional, national and international project partners, and it will develop and train the next generation of academics to advance new approaches to vulnerabilities research.

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TAS- S Researcher Workshop

The first TAS- S Researcher workshop took place at the Lancaster House Hotel on the 24th and 25th November 2021. The event provided a great opportunity for our Post-Doctoral Researchers from Lancaster and Cranfield Universities to meet each other face-to-face for the first time. In addition, it enabled our researchers to network with PhD students and colleagues from Lancaster University's Security Institute. For further details about the event, please visit the [TAS- S website](#).

Funding Calls

[ESRC Digital Security by Design Social Science Hub+ \(Discribe\) - Substantive Projects Funding Call](#)

The ESRC Discribe Hub+ (Digital Security by Design Social Science Hub+) is an ESRC-funded initiative that forms part of the wider Digital Security by Design (DSbD) Programme

Horizon Europe Cluster 3, 'Civil Security for Society' aims to address challenges arising from persistent security threats, including cybercrime, as well as natural and man-made disasters.

These include seven destinations as follows:

Better protect the EU and its citizens against Crime and Terrorism (total budget €56m across 19 calls).

A Disaster-Resilient Society for Europe (€ 28m across 14 calls).

Effective management of EU external borders (€ 30.5m across 10 calls).

Strengthened Security Research and Innovation (€ 16m across 9 calls).

So, the [Defence and Security Accelerator](#) (DASA) is launching a new [Innovation Focus Area](#) & A





From all of us at Security Lancaster, we would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

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