

Funding source	NATO Science for Peace and Security Grant Mechanisms (SPS Programme) Multi-year research and development projects
Targeted countries	NATO member countries NATO partners including: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine
Programme objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Facilitate mutually beneficial cooperation on issues of common interest, including international efforts to meet emerging security challenges <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Counter-Terrorism b) Energy Security c) Cyber Defence d) Defence against CBRN Agents e) Environmental Security 2) Enhance support for NATO-led operations and missions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provision of civilian support through SPS Key Priorities; b) Provision of access to information through internet connectivity as in the SILK-Afghanistan Programme; c) Cultural and social aspects in military operations and missions; d) Enhancing cooperation with other international actors. 3) Enhance awareness on security developments including through early warning, with a view to preventing crises <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Security-related Advanced Technology: Emerging technologies including nanotechnology, optical technology, micro satellites, metallurgy and the development of UAV platforms; b) Border and Port Security; c) Mine and Unexploded Ordnance Detection and Clearance. 4) Human and Social Aspects of Security related to NATO's strategic objectives 5) Any project related clearly linked to a threat to security not otherwise defined in these priorities may also be considered for funding under the SPS Programme. Such proposals will be examined for links to NATO's Strategic Objectives.
Programme description	The SPS Programme supports collaboration through three established grant mechanisms: multi-year research projects, research workshops, and training courses.
Website and additional links	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/78209.htm
Status	Ongoing
Contact	sps.info@hq.nato.int
Who can candidate?	<p>SPS Multi-Year Projects are collaborations between experts in NATO nations and in NATO partner countries. Applications must thus be developed and submitted jointly by one or more applicants residing and working in NATO nations, and one or more residing and working in NATO partner countries.</p> <p>All applicants must be affiliated with a government, academic, or other non-profit institution. For-profit private companies are not eligible for SPS funding although their participation as end-users is encouraged.</p>

What are the requirements for applying?	All activities funded under the SPS Programme must address the SPS Key Priorities and must have a clear link to security and to NATO's strategic objectives.
Type of activity funded	Research and development
Link with ICT	Direct
Other useful information	Multi-Year Projects last for 18–36 months. NATO funds are provided to cover project-related costs such as scientific equipment, computers, software and training of project personnel as well as of young scientists: roughly half of the budget is generally allocated to equipment, about 20% to training and travel and 15% to stipends; these proportions may vary according to the needs of each project.