



Athena

A COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH TOOL
EMPOWERING THE
NATIONAL SECURITY ECOSYSTEM

STRATEGIC NEED

The DOD must accelerate the adoption of innovative solutions and retain top talent to compete effectively in the current operational environment. The time for siloed research and development is long past. The national security challenges we face require close collaboration across domains, disciplines and services to spur innovation across the Joint Force.

THE FUTURE OF INNOVATION

Athena is a collaborative research tool built to enable professionals across the DOD to discover, connect, collaborate, and deliver solutions. It provides a unified perspective of proposed, in-progress and completed research. **Athena enables leaders at every level to see who is doing the work in their area of interest, connect with the right people, and create collaboration between disparate groups.**

Athena is built on Microsoft Teams to assure security, enhance scalability and deliver content across all devices. The platform empowers leaders to identify their priorities to the people who are best positioned to drive the adoption of new capabilities into the Fleet and Force.



DISCOVER

- » Priorities for your community, command or service
- » What has been done, what is being done and what is needed
- » Who has the data, resources and subject matter expertise
- » Who has done the work and can provide the baseline

CONNECT

- » Resource sponsors and researchers
- » Community and command leaders
- » Subject matter experts
- » Faculty and students across the Naval Educational Enterprise
- » Naval Research and Development Establishment, to include Warfare Centers

COLLABORATE

- » By using completed research to get a warm start
- » With practitioners already engaged in the field
- » Using an interdisciplinary approach to research topics
- » With communities of practice at events

DELIVER

- » Answers and insights into key operational problems
- » Talented service members ready to drive the adoption of new practices
- » Collaborative problem-solving teams that can pivot to take on emerging challenges
- » Innovative processes to accelerate capabilities

