

IDEX Open Challenge **General Description**

The iDEX Open Challenge is an initiative of iDEX - DIO aimed at promoting innovation and entrepreneurship in the defence sector. Here are the general guidelines for the iDEX Open Challenge:

1. **Eligibility:** The challenge is open to Indian startups, individual innovators, and MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) who have innovative solutions that can be used in the defence and aerospace sectors.
2. **Themes:** The Open Challenge invites proposals under various leading technology domains, including aerospace, autonomous systems, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, etc. Participants can submit proposals under one or more themes.
3. **Proposal submission:** Participants must submit their proposals through the iDEX portal only. The proposals must include a description of the technology or solution, its potential applications, and preferably, a demonstration of its feasibility.
4. **Problem Statements:** iDEX Open Challenge aims to create opportunities for innovators to propose ways for harnessing their technology capabilities to strengthen our nation's military superiority. If you think you have an idea, technology or a product that has use in defence and aerospace, then iDEX Open Challenge is the right opportunity for you. Innovators, Startups and MSMEs can now engage directly with the military through the iDEX Open Challenge to showcase their technologies, facilitated by DIO and its Partner Incubators.

Overall, the iDEX Open Challenge is an important initiative that supports innovation and entrepreneurship in the defence sector. The guidelines provide a framework for participants to submit their proposals and receive support from the government to develop their ideas into viable solutions. The applications for the Open Challenge may be submitted through this [link](#).

For more details, innovators may refer to the FAQs and Financial FAQs sections on the iDEX website.