



Test & Evaluation Sovereign Skills Program

As threats increase and become more sophisticated, Governments must plan, resource, test and train for an increasingly complex environment.

This Test & Evaluation Sovereign Skills Program was created to advance the knowledge of T&E and broaden the skillset globally. The Australian participants were in the UK from February – May 2023 and built key and ongoing relationships with QinetiQ’s key T&E Subject Matter Experts.



Fabrice Theodore, Internal applicant
Systems Engineer

Interest: Air



Whilst in the UK I completed a site visit to Boscombe Down, and a key discussion with SME Malcolm Tier. During my visit I was able to walk through the Airborne Test Demonstrator, understand the engineering efforts required to bring the aircraft to certification and start to look at how this could be applied in Air Affairs Australia.”

Richard Alder, Internal applicant

TAL

Interest: Land



I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the UK, being based at the MOD site of Shoeburyness. While there I was lucky enough to be exposed to a trial to prove the function of L166A1 fuzes on 105mm projectile. By being involved I was able to truly value the experienced people and what they can teach me, and how I can apply my learning back in Australia. The key thing I took away was not to overcomplicate the solution!”





Scott Busby, External applicant

TCO

Interest: Maritime



I have enjoyed my time in the UK, especially being a part of Digital T&E Initiatives like Digital Engineering Evaluation Capability, Defence Digital Experimentation Platform and IBM Trials Data Transformation. I was lucky to have exposure to trials such as a Maritime Acoustic Signature Dry Run and having the flexibility to visit the UK MOD sites ran by QinetiQ to see how things might be done differently to Australia."

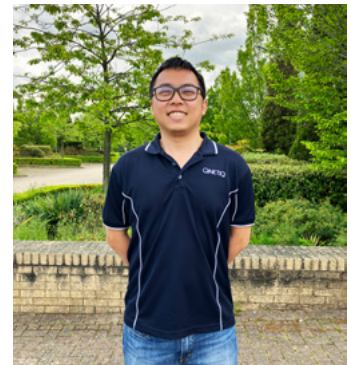
Tim Yan Muk, Internal applicant

TCO

Interest: Maritime



I joined the T&E Sovereign Skills Program to develop and enhance my knowledge. The benefits I took away were the increased knowledge of industry best practices, the exposure to the challenges encountered at ranges and, most importantly, the networking opportunities with SMEs. During my time I was able to complete many courses, such as Human Factors Initial Training and to be exposed to a trial at Loch Goil."



Brett Mewett, External applicant

Trials Control Officer

Interest: Air



My main placement was at MOD Aberporth, with a brief stop at MOD Winfrith and MOD Loch Goil. At each site I was able to network with SMEs and to absorb knowledge from them based on trials I was exposed to. It was great to get some exposure in creating trials plans based on customer requirements and to be able to input our ideas too! I hope to bring some of the experience I gained into a trials role in Australia."