

University of Bristol

Complicit investment: See Below¹

Yes

This university has an ethical investment policy

Ethical investment policy link: [Read policy](#)

Investments

The university did not provide us with the necessary information on their investments. Please contact us for further information.

Other links

Company

Boeing

[Boeing](#) is a US headquartered manufacturing company. It is the second largest arms manufacturer in the world. It manufactures the Apache attack helicopter. These helicopters played a prominent role in Israel's 2006 Invasion of Southern Lebanon, which killed nearly 2000 civilians. To this day, the helicopters are used by Israel for both surveillance and attacks of the Gaza Strip. In addition, [Boeing JDAM guiding systems](#) have been utilised in Israel's attacks on Palestinians in Gaza. Defense for Children International documented at least 13 children killed by missiles fired directly from Apache helicopters in its [report](#) on Israel's attack on besieged Gaza.

Nature of link/relationship

Boeing provides research funding for a number of projects at Bristol, including funding internships and scholarships for those working on a drone project.

Thales

Thales is a French IT and arms company. Jointly with Elbit Systems, Thales is in a [partnership with the British Ministry of Defence](#), producing the armoured Watchkeeper WK 450 Drone, based on the Israeli Hermes

UoB and Thales have signed a strategic agreement, building on a 20 year relationship, which "establishes engagement between Bristol and all levels of Thales in terms of asset sharing, IP and patents,

¹ <https://palestinecampaign.org/university-complicity-database/>

Company

450 which is in regular use over the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including in Israel's deadly assaults on the besieged Gaza Strip.

Nature of link/relationship

sabbatical exchanges and embedded researchers, and opportunities for leveraging research funding." The EPSRC has provided funding for Thales-Bristol research projects such as the "Thales-Bristol Partnership in Hybrid Autonomous Systems Engineering (T-B PHASE)" launched in 2017.

The University of Bristol has a partnership with Rolls-Royce. The Composites University Technology Centre (UTC) is at the "forefront of supporting Rolls-Royce in its development of the next generation of fan blades and cases for future aero-engines."

Rolls Royce

[Rolls-Royce](#) is a British manufacturer that produces military aircraft engines, naval engines and cores for nuclear submarines. It is still the world's 17th largest Arms trade.

It is a [supplier of the US F-35 Joint Strike Fighter programme](#). F-35 fighter jets have been used on numerous occasions in Israel's attacks on the besieged the Gaza Strip, including in May 2021.

In 2014, the year of Israel's aerial bombardment and ground invasion of Gaza, which killed over 2,200 civilians, nearly a quarter of them children, Rolls-Royce was granted export licenses for engines for military aircrafts to Israel.

BAE Systems

BAE Systems is a large British arms producer. As reported by [Investigate](#), it manufacturer weapons and military technology used by Israel in its militarised attacks on Palestinians.

EPSRC funded projects, partnering with BAE Systems, have taken place at Bristol, including Bristol's Smart Internet Lab, which claims to "accelerate [the] UK's capabilities in drone operations". In 2021, experts from the University of Bristol were involved in the launch of a consortium of 16 entities (including BAE Systems) which then won a share of £30 million to develop and test a remotely operated drone system for industrial and urban environments.

Demilitarise Education²

<h3>University of Bristol</h3> <p>value of defence industry partnerships: £92,890,934.96</p> <p>5 direct links with arms companies 0 times asked to demilitarise</p>	<h3>Top direct military partnerships</h3> <table><tr><td>BAE Systems, GKN Ltd., Airbus, Rolls-Royce Plc, EPSRC, CFMS L.</td><td>£5,193,497.25</td></tr><tr><td>Airbus - Research</td><td>£3,622,512.00</td></tr><tr><td>Airbus - Research</td><td>£3,413,552.00</td></tr><tr><td>Airbus, EPSRC, European Space Agency (ESA), Plessey Semicondu.</td><td>£3,364,167.33</td></tr><tr><td>Atomic Weapon Establishment, EPSRC, Adarga, GCHQ, SCIEX, UK S.</td><td>£3,223,265.50</td></tr></table>	BAE Systems, GKN Ltd., Airbus, Rolls-Royce Plc, EPSRC, CFMS L.	£5,193,497.25	Airbus - Research	£3,622,512.00	Airbus - Research	£3,413,552.00	Airbus, EPSRC, European Space Agency (ESA), Plessey Semicondu.	£3,364,167.33	Atomic Weapon Establishment, EPSRC, Adarga, GCHQ, SCIEX, UK S.	£3,223,265.50
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² <https://ded1.co/data/university/21>