

SOCIAL SERVICE RESEARCH NETWORK (SSRN)

“Building a Conducive Ecosystem for Research in the Social Service Sector: From Findings to Solutions”

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Summary and Future Directions

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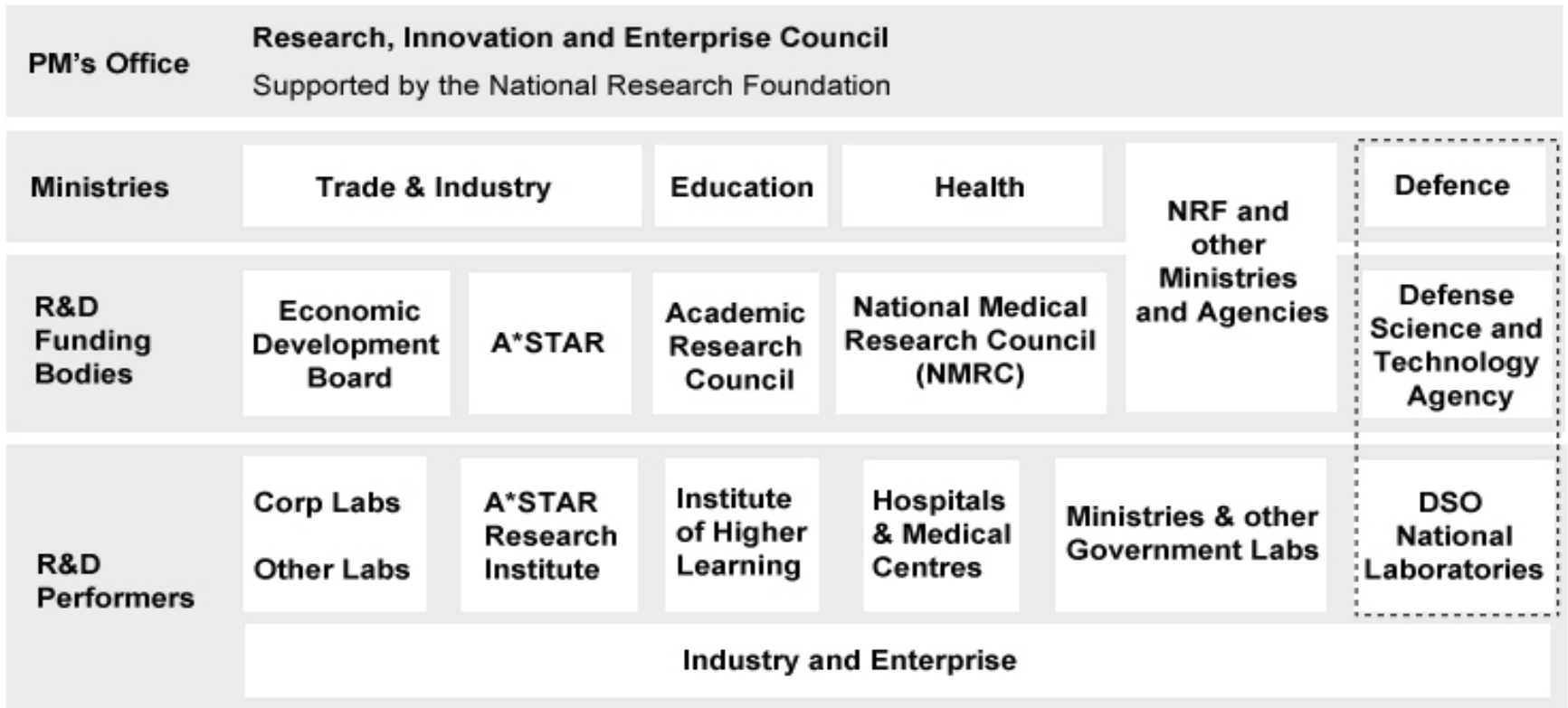
National Academies

- Honorary membership organizations, serve as pro bono advisers to the nation of science, engineering and medicine
- Volunteer to serve on study committees convened to answer specific questions, and serve without pay
- not independent research, but provide independent advice
- Government/Federal agencies are primary sponsors of Academies work (with private foundations, and own endowment)
- External sponsors have no control over the results of a study, once the statement of task and budget are finalized
- Gather information from public engagements but deliberate in private in order to avoid political, special interest and sponsor influence
- Produce about 200 reports each year, covering topics such as obesity epidemic, underage drinking, climate change, homeland security etc.

Research Councils

- National Research Council (Part of US National Academies)
- Economic and Social Research Council
- Social Science Research Council

R&D Ecosystem & NRF's R&D Framework



- <http://www.nrf.gov.sg/research/r-d-ecosystem/r-d-framework>

How Should We Organize Research in the Social Service Sector?

- Grow R&D work?
- Start strategic research initiatives / Think Tank work?
- Is a Research Council useful for the sector?
Who can take on such functions
- Community of practice / research interest groups?