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Saab and Aalto University extend research collaboration for another decade

Saab and Aalto University announce the extension of their research collaboration for an additional 10 years, until 2036. The new agreement includes a minimum investment of 10 MEUR, aimed at ensuring the continuity of research in key areas vital to Saab's business.

In 2017, Saab launched a substantial research collaboration with Aalto University focusing on the areas of antenna technology, micro-electronics, radar signal processing, artificial intelligence, and hydroacoustic sensing. Today, Saab and Aalto University announce the continuation of the collaboration with a minimum investment of 10 MEUR, covering the period 2027-2036.

"Saab's successful history is built on constant innovation. In order to maintain that position, we must understand and benefit from the emerging technologies at the frontline of current research. The collaboration with Aalto University clearly shows the benefits of cooperation between academia, industry and government to address our common needs," says Micael Johansson, President and CEO of Saab.

"The collaboration with Saab offers Aalto University the opportunity to invest in long-term research in key areas of cutting-edge technology. Thanks to the agreement, Aalto University will be able to expand and deepen its research activities in the field and train new experts," says Aalto University President Ilkka Niemelä.

To date, the programme has produced eight doctoral graduates, with three more expected to complete their studies during 2025. Additionally, numerous Master's degrees have been awarded in fields directly relevant to Saab's operations. Many graduates have joined Saab's product development teams in Tampere, where they hold key positions in the development of new sensor products.

The extension of the contract underscores Saab and Aalto University's commitment to further strengthening their collaboration, ensuring the continued pursuit of academic excellence and strategic research that will drive innovation for years to come.

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