

Executive Biography of Nicola-Jane Bates



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Nicola-Jane (Nic) Bates leads the Global Accelerators and Innovation Programs Team within Strategy and Corporate Development at The Boeing Company, the world's largest aerospace and Defense company. She reports to Boeing Senior Director of Ventures and Innovation Strategy Jason McClain is responsible for the company's global accelerator (Aerospace Xelerated) and innovation programs strategy, and its execution, including strategic pre-seed and seed investments, supported by a global team and in partnership with Boeing customers, industry and governments.

First joining Boeing in 2017 as the Business Development lead for Security & Resilience, to support the Boeing UK Prosperity agreement, where she was responsible for growth, new business and market development before being appointed as the Head of Innovation for Boeing Defense UK's Government Services business unit.

Previously, Bates served as the head of Phantom Works International in the UK responsible for defense R&D execution and innovation strategy.

Bates earlier served the UK Security Minister's Security and Resilience Growth Partnership as the representative for Exports and SME's, and as a formation team member of the Joint Security & Resilience Centre at the Home Office; as well as Chairing the Security Exports Focus group, and sitting on the Security Sector Board for the trade association ADS in the UK.

Before Boeing, Bates ran a cyber intelligence startup in the UK, serving law enforcement and intelligence customers internationally. Following a successful launch as an official supplier to the London 2012 Olympic Games she was responsible for fundraising for growth and strategic scaling internationally, establishing new business operations in the US, Brazil, KSA, UAE, Oman, Indonesia & Malaysia. Prior to this she was deeply engaged in the tech eco-system in Northern Ireland leading



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grassroots activities to grow technical skills targeting children from the age of 8 onwards, organizing un-conferences as well as supporting regional inward investment campaigns for high profile global tech companies.

Bates holds an Open Innovation Fellowship from the Royal Academy of Arts in London and serves as the Industry Chair of the International Air and Space Training Institute. She received her law degree from University of Ulster in Northern Ireland where she still resides with her two children.

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