

Bio

Smart received a BSc degree from the University of Reading in 1989 and his PhD degree from the University of Kent at Canterbury in 1992. Smart spent three years at Hewlett-Packard from 1997 to 2000. From 2000 to 2017 he was at the University of Bristol. From 2018 he has been based in the COSIC group at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.

Smart has held a Royal Society Wolfson Merit Award, and two ERC Advanced Grant. He was Vice President of the International Association for Cryptologic Research (2014-2016). In 2016 he was named as a Fellow of the IACR.

Smart was a founder of the startup Identum, which was bought by Trend Micro in 2008. In 2013 he co-founded Unbound Security, which was sold to Coinbase in 2022. He is also the co-founder, along with Kenny Paterson, of the Real World Cryptography conference series.