WARA Three-year evaluation and application for extension

**References**

* WARA 3.0, Guidelines for the establishment and operation of WASP Research Arenas
* Budget template

**Purpose of this document**

Every third year there will be an evaluation of achievements of the arena(s) that have been active for the past three-year period. There will also be a possibility to apply for an additional three-year extension where, e.g., a tentative budget frame based on the application will be determined. The evaluation is a self-assessment by the arena manager, completed according to the given template at the end of the three-year period. Selected members from AMG will review the evaluation and application for extension. The outcome of the review will be presented to the Executive Committee before it is considered by the board for a decision.

1. **Evaluation by self-assessment**

Describe how the initiative has fulfilled the approved program plan as set forward in the yearly plans for the past three years. The evaluation should describe the main activities, projects and achievements from the past three years. Be specific on academic value and industry engagement. Also, describe how the program has contributed to WARA's main objective: *To provide WASP PhD students and researchers with the means to develop, test, and demonstrate research with high industrial and societal relevance.* The evaluation should also include how the arena has supported WASP graduate school, developed new research initiatives, and increased the visibility of WASP research in society. The overall use of the funding should also be specified. As well as the progress of the KPIs, stated in WARA 3.0, during the three-year period.

1. **Application for extension**

Outline the plans in terms of projects and other activities to be executed and state expected results in terms of how the program will contribute to WARA's main objective: *To provide WASP PhD students and researchers with the means to develop, test, and demonstrate research with high industrial and societal relevance.* Additionally, describe how the arena will contribute to WASP graduate school, and new research initiatives. Also, how the arena will promote networking and increase the visibility of WASP research in society. Describe, in more detail, the activities and initiatives that will be carried out in year one, together with the expected results.

Provide also a concise summary that specifies and motivates the requested funding and complete the budget template by stating the requested funding from WASP, along with the sources and estimated value of the co-financing. Ensure that the application complies with WARA 3.0 and please note that the various budget items should be described briefly in the application to facilitate follow-up.

Goals for each KPI (stated in WARA 3.0) should also be included in the application.

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***Follow the structure of the report according to the instructions in blue text. The blue instruction text can be removed when the report is complete.***

1. **Evaluation (approx. 2 pages)**

*Describe how the initiative has fulfilled the approved program plan as set forward in in the yearly plans for the past three years. Focus on the main activities, projects and achievements from the past three years. Specifically, the value for academia, the industry engagement and the infrastructure the arena provides researchers. Also, describe how the program has contributed to WARA's main objective:* ***To provide WASP PhD students and researchers with the means to develop, test, and demonstrate research with high industrial and societal relevance.***

**Support to WASP graduate school (approx. ½ page)**

*Describe how the arena has supported WASP Graduate School, for example, through PhD project courses.*

**Networking (approx. ½ page)**

*Describe how the arena has promoted networking during the last three years. Select the activities you consider most significant.*

**Research initiatives (approx. ½ page)**

*Describe how the arena has developed new research initiatives.*

**Visibility (approx. ½ page)**

*Describe how the arena has contributed to increased visibility of WASP research in society.*

**Use of funding (approx. ½ page)**

*Describe the overall use of funding in the arena.*

**KPI’s – evaluation of the past three years**

*Specify the achievements related to the KPIs specified in WARA 3.0*

1. **Application for extension (approx. 2 pages)**

*Outline the plans in terms of projects and other activities to be executed and state expected results in terms of how the program will contribute to WARA's main objective:* ***To provide WASP PhD students and researchers with the means to develop, test, and demonstrate research with high industrial and societal relevance.*** *Describe the value for academia, the industry engagement and the infrastructure the arena provides researchers. Link activities and initiatives to the budget template.*

**WASP Graduate School (approx. ½ page)**

*Describe how the arena will contribute to WASP Graduate School.*

**Networking (approx. ½ page)**

*Describe how the arena will promote networking.*

**Research initiatives (approx. ½ page)**

*Describe how the arena will contribute to new research initiatives.*

**Visibility (approx.** **½ page)**

*Describe how the arena will contribute to increased visibility of WASP research in society.*

**Requested funding (approx. ½ page)**

*Specify and motivate requested funding in a short summary. Be specific about how the budget request will add value to the users and contribute to WARA's objectives.*

**Plans and the expected results for year one (approx. 1 page)**

*From the plans described above, describe, in more detail, the activities and initiatives that will be carried out in year one, together with the expected results. Link activities and initiatives to the budget template.*

**KPI’s for the upcoming three years**

*Set the goals for the KPIs specified in WARA 3.0*

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