

WIFORCE Arena Project Application Template (max 8 pages exkl references)

1. Project Information

- Project title
 - Project duration
 - Project locations
 - Ongoing experiment/site
 - New experiment/site
 - Lead applicant
 - Host department
 - Participating researchers
 - Participating disciplines
 - Participating stakeholders
 - Contact persons
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2. Executive Summary (max. 250 words)

Provide a concise overview of:

- The challenge or opportunity addressed
 - The proposed arena/infrastructure/activity
 - Scientific relevance
 - Stakeholder relevance
 - Expected outcomes and impact
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3. Background and Rationale

Describe:

- The research challenges addressed
- The need for cross-disciplinary collaboration

- Why stakeholder involvement is essential
 - Existing gaps in knowledge, infrastructure or collaborations that the arena will fill
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4. Vision and Objectives

State:

- Overall vision
 - Specific objectives, short term and long term
 - Expected deliverables, short term and long term
 - Long-term ambitions- how can the arena develop beyond this project
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5. Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Describe:

5.1 Participating disciplines

- Which disciplines are involved?
- What expertise does each discipline contribute?

5.2 Added value of interdisciplinarity

- How will collaboration create outcomes that cannot be achieved within a single discipline?
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6. Stakeholder Engagement and Stakeholder Value

6.1 Participating stakeholders

For each stakeholder organisation:

- Organisation name
- Contact person
- Role in the project

6.2 Stakeholder Statement (attachment)

To be completed and signed by the stakeholder.

The statement should describe:

- Why the stakeholder wishes to participate
- The relevance of the arena to their organisation
- Expected benefits and use of project outcomes

Maximum one page per stakeholder.

6.3 Added Value for Stakeholders

Describe:

- Expected societal, environmental or economic benefits
 - How results will be translated into practice
 - How stakeholders will benefit during and after the project
 - Plans for co-creation and knowledge exchange
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7. Collaboration model including both academic collaborations and stakeholders

- Organisation and governance
 - Meeting structures
 - Joint activities
 - Knowledge integration strategy
 - Infrastructure, platform or arena to be developed
 - Planned activities
 - Access for researchers and stakeholders
 - Data and knowledge-sharing mechanisms
 - Long-term sustainability
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8. Expected Outcomes and Impact

Describe expected impacts regarding:

Scientific impact

- New knowledge
- New collaborations
- New research opportunities

Capacity building

- Networks
- Competence development
- Attracting future funding

Societal impact - examples

- Improved management practices
 - Policy relevance
 - Innovation potential
 - Stakeholder benefits
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9. Sustainability and Legacy

Describe:

- Future funding opportunities
 - Long-term ownership and governance
 - Continued stakeholder engagement
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10. Budget description

- Applied for in WIFORCE
- In kind contribution

Excel Attachment: WIFORCE Arena Funding in SLU's project calculator (*SLU:s projektkalkylmall*)

Submission

Send your application as one pdf document to wiforce@slu.se

Attach the budget as a separate Excel-file

Attach stakeholder statement as e-signed PDF

Label the e-mail "WIFORCE Arena project application"

Submit no later than November 6 2026 by 23:59

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