

Standard WASP funding packages for PhD students and postdocs

PhD student project

A PhD student project corresponds to four years of full-time studies. For full-time studies, an annual compensation for direct costs is provided by WASP as follows:

- PhD student's salary with a maximum of 52.5% LKP (lönekostnadspåslag/social fees)
- PhD student's material costs up to a maximum of 10,000 SEK per year for a maximum of four years
- Travel expenses up to a maximum of 40,000 SEK per year for a maximum of four years (typically, the maximum amount can be distributed as 30,000 SEK per year to the PhD student and 10,000 SEK per year to the supervisor)
- Salary with a maximum of 52.5% LKP (lönekostnadspåslag/social fees) for supervision up to 15% of full-time (usually divided into 10% main supervisor and 5% co-supervisor) for a maximum of four years.

Postdoc project

A postdoc project is granted for up to two years of full-time work, with an annual compensation for direct costs from WASP as follows:

- Postdoc's salary with a maximum of 52.5% salary LPK (lönekostnadspåslag/social fees)
- Postdoc's material costs up to a maximum of 5,000 SEK per year for a maximum of two years
- Travel expenses up to a maximum of 15,000 SEK per year for a maximum of two years
- Salary with a maximum of 52.5% LKP (lönekostnadspåslag/social fees) for the researcher responsible for hosting, up to 5% of full-time, for a maximum of two years.

Industrial PhD project

An Industrial PhD conducts postgraduate training within an employment in the industry. Within WASP, an Industrial PhD conducts postgraduate training on a minimum of 80 %.

The company receives a standard amount of 600 000 SEK annually from WASP for a maximum of 4 years, provided the Industrial PhD's activity grade is 100 % (full-time). This means a total of 2 400 000 SEK in compensation. This total amount can be divided over 5 years (480 000 SEK/annually).

The standard amount shall cover costs for the Industrial PhD's trips associated with the PhD-studies, such as; hotel and transport to and from courses, conferences and research arenas (with the exception of the international study trips which are financed by the WASP Graduate School). Travel costs for trips associated with the PhD-studies are as standard to be estimated to a maximum of 30 000 SEK annually.

The host researcher group is reimbursed after requisition of actual costs up to SEK 250,000 per year from WASP for a maximum of four years, and is expected to co-finance the remaining costs. This funding assumes supervision of 15%, typically divided into 10% for the main supervisor and 5% for assistant supervisors.

Industrial Postdoc project

The industrial postdoc should share time between the company and the university but be fully engaged in research activities at both sites. The aim is a balanced 50-50 split between the company and the university unless the project can motivate another division of time. However, at least 50% of the time should be spent at university and at least 20% of the time should be spent at the company. The total grant over two years is 2.2 Mkr, where 300 000 kr is dedicated to the university host for operational costs and 1.9 Mkr is dedicated to the company for partial funding of salary and other related costs. For SMEs an additional amount is granted and the total grant over two years is 2.7 Mkr, where 300 000 kr is dedicated to the university host for operation costs and 2.4 Mkr is dedicated to the SME for partial funding of salary and other related costs.