



Accelerator Associate

Excited by cutting-edge technology? Interested in supporting research through the cycle of innovation and bringing technologies to market? Join the WARF team as the Accelerator Associate!

The Accelerator Associate manages the day-to-day operation of the [WARF Accelerator](#), which includes leading the project proposal and funding review process, assisting in the formulation and execution of business strategy for each project, supporting business development activities, and overseeing the efficient operation of the program. In addition, the Accelerator Associate will be responsible for building strong relationships with internal and external stakeholders, including the WARF IP and Licensing team, UW inventors, and our network of subject matter experts. In advancing the commercialization prospects for Accelerator assets, this position will collaborate with a wide range of internal and external business, legal, and technical stakeholders, including UW-Madison researchers/inventors, prospective investors and commercialization partners, UW-Madison administrators, WARF Board of Trustees members, and other WARF personnel in the IP & Licensing, Legal, Venture, and Investments functional areas.

The [WARF Accelerator](#), part of the WARF Venture Office, provides campus inventors with business-related support and targeted funding to advance commercially promising technologies closer to the marketplace. Accelerator invests in commercially relevant milestones (i.e., proofs-of-concept, market studies, prototypes, field trials, product demonstrations) that validate market potential, demonstrate commercial value, or de-risk technology to attract industry partners or investors.

Ideal candidates will have demonstrated knowledge in basic concepts of technology commercialization, creating and launching new high technology products or ventures (such as startups, spinouts, or incubation of new businesses), and experience in licensing, technology transfer, business development and/or accelerator/proof-of-concept fund management is preferred. We are seeking candidates who have a bachelor's degree in a scientific, technical, or related field, master's degree or higher degree is preferred. In addition, candidates should have demonstrated skills in project management; knowledge of budgeting, forecasting, and operational financial management, including the ability to interact effectively with accounting functions; strong customer and market focus; strong ability to work collaboratively across various stakeholders internally and externally.

WARF helps steward the cycle of research, discovery, commercialization and investment for the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Founded in 1925, WARF is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to investing in research and making a difference—for the researcher, the university, commercialization partners and the world. WARF's mission is to promote, encourage and aid scientific research by patenting and licensing university inventions, playing an active role in UW–Madison spinoff companies, and managing an endowment to support the cycle of research, discovery, commercialization and investment. WARF also manages the Town Center within the Discovery Building, which provides platforms for hands-on activities that link scientific research and the general public, offering a window on the real-time process of discovery. For additional information, please visit: <http://www.warf.org>

To apply: Qualified individuals interested in this opportunity are required to submit a **resume** via the link: <https://warf-researchrecruit.icims.com/jobs/1733/accelerator-associate/job?mode=view>

WARF supports an inclusive and diverse environment and offers a competitive salary and benefit package.