

# Call for Candidates

## Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) – Chair, Vice-Chair(s), and other Steering Board Members

**Call Launch:** 20 October 2022  
**Call Deadline:** 17 November 2022 (Midnight CET / Brussels time)  
**Submissions to:** [researchassessment@scienceeurope.org](mailto:researchassessment@scienceeurope.org);  
[researchassessment@eua.eu](mailto:researchassessment@eua.eu); [RTD-OPEN-SCIENCE@ec.europa.eu](mailto:RTD-OPEN-SCIENCE@ec.europa.eu)

### Call

The Interim Secretariat of the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) seeks candidates for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair(s), and other Steering Board members to be presented and elected at the Constitutive Assembly of the Coalition on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Their term will start as of the election day.

The Steering Board will be responsible for the overall oversight, strategy, work plan and sustainability of the CoARA. The Steering Board of CoARA will provide the environment to support the participation of the member organisations, and the work of the Working Groups and General Assembly of Members. It will ensure that the organisational perspective remains focused on the longer term aims and vision of the CoARA.

### Objective

At the Constitutive Assembly of CoARA on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, a Steering Board made up of a maximum 11 members, including a Chair and up to two Vice-Chairs will be elected by the General Assembly of Members based on the candidates received through this call.

By casting their votes, each General Assembly member organisation will endeavour to ensure balance in the Steering Board membership in terms of types of organisations represented, geographic coverage, gender, and diversity of disciplines and expertise.

### Eligibility Criteria

Any prospective CoARA member organisation, approved by the time of the Constitutive Assembly, can nominate one of its employees, or other persons affiliated or

having a contractual relation with them, as candidate. Only nominations from organisations that will have signed the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment by 17 November 2022 and whose CoARA membership will be confirmed by the time of the Constitutive Assembly, will be considered eligible. For more information about the membership of the CoARA, please consult the FAQs “Who can sign the Agreement and join the Coalition?” and “How to join the Coalition?”.

Prospective CoARA member organisations can nominate more than one candidate.

## Expected profiles and terms

The Chair is expected to have expertise in research and research assessment, as well as strong leadership, management and communication skills. The Chair is expected to infuse energy, passion and demonstrate coherent actions and behaviours. Such competences should be coupled with a clear vision, mission and commitment to changing research assessment and commitment to the activities of the CoARA.

While a diversity of profiles is valued, other Steering Board members are expected to have expertise and broad overview of research assessment issues and be committed to participate in CoARA activities. They are also expected to have strong leadership and communication skills. A diversity of profiles will be valued.

The Chair is expected to serve a term of two years, non-renewable. As this is the first election of the Steering Board, the term for the 10 other Steering Board members (including the up to two Vice-Chairs) will be one year for five of them, and two years for the five others. This will ensure staggered renewal of the Steering Board in the next years. Please also note that the Vice-Chair(s) position(s) is renewable once by one-year consecutive period, and the Steering Board member positions other than Chair or Vice-Chair are renewable twice by one-year consecutive periods.

Detailed explanations of the Functions, Terms, and Responsibilities of the Chair, Vice-Chair(s), and Steering Board Members can be found in the following documents:

[CoARA Governance Document](#)

[CoARA Rules of Procedure for Chair, Vice-Chair\(s\), and Steering Board Members](#)

We recommend that applicants also consult the following documents before applying:

[CoARA Rules of Procedure for Working Groups](#)

[CoARA Code of Conduct](#)

## Application Procedure

Information should be provided for each nominated candidate for the position of either Chair, Vice-Chair(s), or other Steering Board Member, using the application template below.

In the spirit of the [Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment](#), nominated candidates

should provide a brief Motivation Statement (maximum 400 words), and a Narrative CV (maximum 800 words) detailing their background and expertise, including how they match the profile sought for the Chair, Vice-Chair or other Steering Board position(s).

**A template application form is appended to the end of this Call document (pages 4-5).**

## Call Deadline and Submissions

Applications for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair(s), and other Steering Board Members should be sent to CoARA Interim Secretariat members, Science Europe, the European University Association, and the European Commission at: [researchassessment@eua.eu](mailto:researchassessment@eua.eu), [researchassessment@scienceeurope.org](mailto:researchassessment@scienceeurope.org) and [RTD-OPEN-SCIENCE@ec.europa.eu](mailto:RTD-OPEN-SCIENCE@ec.europa.eu) by **Thursday, 17 November 2022 at Midnight (CET – Brussels time)**.

Any questions regarding the call or application procedures can be directed to the email addresses above.

## Application template

Title:	
First name:	
Last name:	
E-mail:	
Nominating organisation:	
Current position:	
Gender	<input type="radio"/> Woman <input type="radio"/> Man <input type="radio"/> Non-binary <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say

*Delete as appropriate*

Position(s) the candidate applies to: <i>[More than one option can be selected]</i>	<input type="radio"/> CoARA Chair <input type="radio"/> CoARA Vice-Chair <input type="radio"/> CoARA Steering Board Member other than Chair or Vice-Chair
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Preferred term, if elected Vice-Chair, or Steering Board Member other than Chair or Vice-Chair:	<input type="radio"/> A one-year term <input type="radio"/> A two-years term
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I confirm that the nominating organisation is a signatory of the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment and that it will participate as a CoARA member organisation at the Constitutive Assembly on 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022.	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes /No</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Delete as appropriate</i></p>
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Contact person from the nominating organisation (First, last name and e-mail):	
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**Motivation statement of the nominated candidate:**

*Maximum 400 words*

**Narrative CV of the nominated candidate:**

*Maximum 800 words*