



Call for nominations to the AAT Time Allocation Committee (ATAC)

Applications close on Thursday 7th May 2020, 5 PM AWST. Late applications will not be accepted.

On behalf of the Anglo-Australian Telescope (AAT) Council, Astronomy Australia Limited (AAL) seeks applications for the AAT Time Allocation Committee (two positions).

About the AAT and AAL

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AAL is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, whose members are all Australian universities and research organisations with significant astronomical research capability.

Committee Description

AAT Time Allocation Committee (ATAC)

ATAC is the committee that allocates time on the AAT, as well as Australian time on the Blanco telescope. It will meet twice a year in May and November. Meetings are usually scheduled in person, however currently all meetings are being held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions.

We are seeking to appoint two ATAC members with this call, with a commencement date of July 2020. The term of an ATAC member is generally for 3 years but may be staggered to ensure smooth turnover in membership. You can find the current membership of ATAC and their terms of office [here](#).

Applications

If you consider yourself well placed to contribute to ATAC via your expertise, ideas, and experience, please email applications@astronomyaustralia.org.au with a maximum three-page application with:

- a covering letter describing your expertise relevant to the committee terms of reference
- a brief CV
- any relevant conflicts of interest.

AAL will review all applications and make recommendations to the AAT Council for formal appointment.

AAL is committed to equity and diversity and encourages applications from all interested candidates with the appropriate expertise and skills. AAL also endeavours to provide a flexible and supportive environment for its committee members. We offer general and case-specific support to those whose personal circumstances may otherwise limit their ability to participate in AAL's committees, including those with caring responsibilities and people living with disability. This support includes flexible travel allowances and enabling AAL's committee members to defer membership if required or participate in committee activities while on parental leave.

Please do not hesitate to contact AAL if you have any questions regarding these committees:

[Lucyna Kedziora-Chudczer](#), AAT Program Manager.

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Committee Description

AAT Users' Committee (AATUC)

The AATUC provides advice to the AAT Council and SSO Director on the operational and development issues relating to the AAT. AATUC meet twice a year via videoconferencing in February and August.

We are seeking two AATUC members with this call. One of these appointments will be reserved for a postgraduate student member. The term of an AATUC member is generally for 3 years but may be staggered to ensure smooth turnover in membership. The AATUC student member is a one-year appointment. You can find the current membership of AATUC and their terms of office [here](#).

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