



## Call for Nominations: The ACAMAR Australian Advisory Committee

**Applications close on Tuesday 30 June 2020, 9 PM AEST. Late applications will not be accepted.**

On behalf of the Australian Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (DISER), Astronomy Australia Limited (AAL) seeks to appoint two new members to the ACAMAR Australian Advisory Committee.

### ACAMAR

The Australia-ChinA ConsortiuM for Astrophysical Research ([ACAMAR](#)) is a joint China-Australia research centre between the Chinese Academy of Sciences, DISER, and AAL, formed to collaborate on areas of common interest within astronomy, astrophysics and cosmology.

ACAMAR aims to build upon existing arrangements to:

- maximise the scientific return on investment in astronomy infrastructure
- develop human capital in the field of astronomy, and
- enhance our common scientific understanding of the universe.

### The ACAMAR Australian Advisory Committee

The current ACAMAR Australian Advisory Committee is chaired by Prof. Brian Schmidt (ANU) and is composed of the following members:

- Brian Schmidt – Australian National University (ACAMAR Co-Chair)
- Elaine Sadler – The University of Sydney
- David Luchetti – Australian SKA Office, DISER
- Lister Staveley-Smith – UWA/ICRAR
- Rachel Webster – The University of Melbourne/AAL Board Director
- James Murray – AAL
- Michael Ashley – The University of New South Wales
- Robert Shen – AAL (Secretary)

The Committee meets online quarterly, with the purpose to fulfil its governance responsibilities through the provision of high-level advice related to the delivery of ACAMAR activities. The ACAMAR Australian Advisory Committee is responsible for:

- coordinating ACAMAR activities within the context of existing Australian and Chinese astronomy programs.
- identifying, maintaining and reviewing activities from the list of active ACAMAR programs
- establishing ACAMAR policies to oversee and manage such activities
- supporting the ACAMAR secretariat in the identification of funding to support ACAMAR programs.

## Applications

Should you wish to be considered for a position on the ACAMAR Australian Advisory Committee, please email: **Dr. Robert (Xiaobin) Shen** ([robert.shen@astronomyaustralia.org.au](mailto:robert.shen@astronomyaustralia.org.au)), AAL Senior Program Manager, with a maximum three-page application containing:

- a covering letter describing your relevant expertise
- a brief CV
- any relevant conflicts of interest.

AAL will review all applications and make recommendations to DISER 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.

To be considered for the role, applicants should demonstrate their:

- ongoing interest in ACAMAR activities
- track record of research or technical experience in areas of relevance to ACAMAR
- ability to liaise with the wider Australian and Chinese astronomy community.

Please do not hesitate to contact AAL if you have any questions: email **Dr. Robert (Xiaobin) Shen**, AAL Senior Program Manager, at [robert.shen@astronomyaustralia.org.au](mailto:robert.shen@astronomyaustralia.org.au).

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