



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

Applications close on Tuesday 3 November 2020, 8 PM AEST. 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](#) (ATAC). Two positions are available however one is reserved for an **international** committee member.

At this time, ATAC particularly requires expertise in **exoplanetary science, interstellar medium and observational cosmology** for assessment of research proposals that require use of the AAT.

### The AAT and AAL

Australia's largest optical telescope, the 3.9m AAT at Siding Spring Observatory, is operated using funding from a consortium of thirteen Australian universities ("the AAT Consortium"), and these operations are governed by the AAT Council. The telescope Operator for the Consortium is the Australian National University (ANU), with AAL playing the role of Manager of those operations on behalf of the AAT Consortium.

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

### ATAC

ATAC allocates time on the AAT, as well as Australian time on the Blanco telescope. ATAC meets 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 January 2021. 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 [comm.applications@astronomyaustralia.org.au](mailto:comm.applications@astronomyaustralia.org.au) with a maximum three page application that includes:

- 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. Please do not hesitate to contact [Lucyna Kedziora-Chudczer](#), AAT Program Manager, if you have any questions regarding this position.

AAL is committed to equity and diversity and encourages applications from everyone with the appropriate expertise and skills.

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