



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

Applications close on Monday 10 May 2021, 5PM 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 (ATAC). Two positions are available. Please note that one position on ATAC will start in July 2021, and the other will be available from January 2022.

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, meeting twice a year in May and November. Meetings are usually scheduled in person, however currently meetings are being held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions.

We are seeking to appoint two ATAC members with this call – one position will start in July 2021, and the other will be available from January 2022.

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 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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