



Call for nominations for the ACAMAR Committee

Applications for all positions close on Friday 14th October 2022, 8:00 PM AEDT.
Late applications will not be accepted.

[Astronomy Australia Limited](#) (AAL) is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee whose [members](#) are all Australian universities and research organisations with a significant astronomy research capability. Its core business is to manage programmes which provide astronomers with access to national astronomy infrastructure, including data and computing infrastructure.

AAL finances a portfolio of infrastructure projects and facilities from Australian Government funding. AAL oversees the progress of these projects and reports regularly on them to the Government.

ACAMAR

The Australia-China Consortium for Astrophysical Research (ACAMAR) is a joint Australia-China research centre between the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources and AAL to collaborate on areas of common interest within astronomy, astrophysics and cosmology.

Acamar (Eridani) is a bright naked-eye star visible from both Australia and China.

In Australia, ACAMAR aims to:

- build upon existing arrangements
- 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.

ACAMAR is currently supporting collaboration on projects connected with The Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST), Square Kilometre Array (SKA) and Antarctic Astronomy, but is actively encouraging other opportunities and will facilitate collaborations in other large projects.

AAL took over responsibility for Australian operations of ACAMAR in early 2018, and since then ACAMAR has successfully managed the following events and projects:

- ACAMAR5 workshop in Melbourne (2019), ACAMAR6 virtual workshop (2020) and ACAMAR7 virtual workshop (2021)
- ACAMAR Astroinformatics School
- ACAMAR themed workshops: Radio Astronomy from the Moon, Future of Traditional Survey Science, Fast Radio Bursts, Maunakea Spectroscopic Explorer (all in 2021)
- ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship Scheme
- ACAMAR SKA PhD Scholarship.

To date more than 20 Chinese PhD students have been awarded SKA Scholarships, allowing them to visit or enrol with selected Australian universities and research institutions. Almost half have completed their studies and two have received funding but are on hold due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. ACAMAR Australia is also working with Chinese counterparts to explore a new PhD scholarship scheme using the Chinese SKA fund.

Applications

Astronomy Australia Ltd (AAL) is inviting applications from suitably qualified Australian-based astronomers for the ACAMAR Committee.

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

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

Should you wish to be considered for the ACAMAR Management Committee, please email applications@astronomyaustralia.org.au with a maximum three-page application including:

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

Please do not hesitate to contact [Dr James Murray](#), Director of Programs, with any questions regarding these vacant committee positions.

AAL is committed to equity and diversity and encourages applications from all interested candidates with relevant expertise and skills.

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