



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

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

For this call, ATAC particularly seeks nominations from those with expertise in **interstellar medium, star formation, observational cosmology** including reionisation epoch 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 eleven 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 international telescopes as required. Commencing from semester 2024B, ATAC will assume responsibility for allocating observing time on the [ANU 2.3-metre telescope](#).

ATAC meets twice a year in May and November.

AAL is seeking to appoint two ATAC members with this call with a balance of different research fields to ensure an informed and equitable allocation process for both telescopes. Positions will commence 1 January 2024.

AAL is committed to equity and diversity and encourages applications from all interested candidates with relevant expertise and skills. To achieve our gender balance targets across the committee membership, at least one of the two positions will be offered to a suitable woman candidate.

The term of an ATAC member is generally for 3 years but may be staggered to ensure smooth turnover in membership. The current membership of ATAC and their terms of office can be found [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, particularly in relation to the areas listed above
- a brief CV
- any relevant conflicts of interest.

AAL will review all applications and make recommendations to the AAT Council for formal appointment. The review will consider relevant expertise of candidates, career stage, geographical placement, applying a selection process that addresses principles of inclusion and gender balance.

Please do not hesitate to contact AAL, if you have any questions regarding this position.

Applications for all positions close on Monday 30th October 2023, 8:00 PM AEDT. If openings remain after all applications received and completed by the deadline have been considered, late applications will be accepted.