**Call for membership:  National Committee for Astronomy**

 The Australian Academy of Science, The National Committee for Astronomy (NCA) are seeking nominations for new members drawn from the Australian astronomical community.

The NCA is one of 19 National Committees for Science, and aims to foster astronomical science in Australia, to liaise with international scientific bodies, and to advise the Academy’s Council on relevant scientific matters. One key NCA activity includes advising on policy in line with the [Decadal plan for Australian astronomy (2016-2025).](https://www.science.org.au/supporting-science/science-sector-analysis/reports-and-publications/decadal-plan-australian-astronomy-2016-25) and subsequent 2020 [mid-term review](https://www.science.org.au/supporting-science/science-policy-and-analysis/decadal-plans-science/decadal-plan-australian-astronomy-2016-25-mid-term-review). The committee is currently working on the next Decadal Plan for 2026-2035.

The NCA is made up of nine members appointed by the Executive Committee of the Academy, plus ex-officio members and observers. The current membership of the committee is listed [here](https://www.science.org.au/national-committee-astronomy).

An Expression of Interest will be sought from active scientists and researchers in the field and respected members of the Australian astronomical community. We are seeking representation from a broad spread of institutions and specialisations. The committee values diversity and inclusion and encourages members of all backgrounds and identities to apply.

**We are currently seeking candidates to for two ordinary committee members.**

Please note that all nominations will be reviewed by a panel consisting of the NCA Deputy Chair, ASA president, and one Fellow of the Academy who is not an NC representative member. This review panel (in consultation with the Academy's Secretaries for Science Policy and Foreign) will make a recommendation on the vacant positions to the Academy’s Executive Committee for approval. NCA members are appointed for a term of up to three years with re-appointment for one further year possible in exceptional circumstances.

Please apply using the form [here](https://www.science.org.au/national-committee-membership-application) before 5.00 pm 24th April. Self-nominations are welcome.

We kindly request you to share this opportunity widely within your networks, as there may be individuals interested in these roles.