



In 1999 the ASA established the *Foundation for the Advancement of Astronomy* (FAA), a tax-deductible Foundation intended to enhance the ASA's efforts to promote Astronomy and related fields in Australia, and to recognise and support excellence in those fields.

Since its launch the FAA has raised over \$200,000 from donations, some large and some small. These funds currently support the ASA prizes, although the FAA Trust Deed would allow it to support more diverse activities if funds were available. Suggestions for further development of ASA and FAA activities are very welcome.

Whilst we can support the existing prizes for a decade or more, the currently available funds are a long way from being able to support their long-term viability or fund new initiatives. In fact, donations have declined significantly since Covid and FAA funds went backwards in 2024-25.

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The ASA needs to spread the request for support widely by asking for public support, as required by the terms of the FAA deed. However, the FAA depends on the help of its core of supporters - the ASA membership. The ASA invites you to continue to support the goals of the FAA with a small (or large!) donation when paying your annual ASA membership subscription. Donations are *tax-deductible* for Australian residents and you will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

Following the Donation links on the membership pages, you may specify support for an individual prize or activity or make it available to the general purposes of the Foundation. Options are:

- [Bok Prize](#) for outstanding research in astronomy by an Honours or eligible Masters student
- [Charlene Heisler Prize](#) for the most outstanding PhD thesis in Astronomy or a closely related field
- [Louise Webster Prize](#) for outstanding research by a scientist early in their post-doctoral career
- [Anne Green Prize](#) for a significant advance or accomplishment by a mid-career scientist
- [Emerging Leaders Software Development Prize](#) for outstanding contribution by an ECR to the development of open-source astronomical software (*choose General Fund and specify Software Prize in the comments*)
- [Peter McGregor Prize](#) for exceptional achievement or innovation in astronomical instrumentation
- [David Allen Prize](#) for exceptional achievement in astronomy communication
- [Berenice and Arthur Page Medal](#) for excellence in amateur astronomy
- [Richard Cole Fund](#) supports ASA activities for students
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- Gascoigne Fund supports the [Ellery Lectureship](#) (*choose General Fund and specify Gascoigne Fund in the comments*)
- General Fund (*specify No preference in the comments*)

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