



## AAL Advertisement for Board position

### Astronomy Australia Ltd (AAL) seeks applications for one vacancy on the AAL Board.

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 programs which provide astronomers with access to national astronomy infrastructure.

AAL finances a range of research infrastructure projects from Australian Government funding and supports Australian engagement with various international observatories. The AAL Board, appointed by the Members, oversees the progress of these projects.

At the conclusion of the AAL AGM on 25 November 2020, the term of Dr Len Sciacca will expire, creating a vacancy on the Board. The AAL constitution requires the Members to seek a Board that collectively has experience in:

- Astronomical research broadly consistent with, 'Australia in the era of global astronomy: The decadal plan for Australian astronomy 2016–2025'
- Research collaboration at the national and international level
- National research policy and priorities
- Business administration and finance
- Corporate governance and legal matters
- Strategy formulation and implementation.

To complement the skills and expertise of the ongoing Directors, the AAL nominations committee is particularly interested in candidates who can demonstrate significant experience in managing (at an executive level) or overseeing (at a Board level) one or more of the following areas:

- Industry engagement
- HPC/Data science
- Space science
- Corporate governance.

## Applications

If you consider yourself well placed to contribute to the Board via your expertise and ideas, and share AAL's vision of Australian astronomers having access to the best research infrastructure, please email [AAL](#) with a maximum two A4 page application including:

- a brief CV
- your expertise for the areas of skills and experience listed above
- any relevant conflicts of interest.

AAL is committed to equity and diversity and encourages applications from under-represented groups. AAL also seeks engagement from across Australia and notes that the current Board members are concentrated in Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney.

**The deadline for applications is 9 October 2020 at 8:00 PM AEDT.** Late applications will not be accepted.

Applications should be emailed directly to **Catherine Andrews**, AAL Company Secretary at: [catherine.andrews@astronomyaustralia.org.au](mailto:catherine.andrews@astronomyaustralia.org.au).

Applications will be reviewed by the Nomination Committee. This committee will make nominations to the AAL Members for consideration at the AGM.

Queries can be made to either [Mr Mark McAuley](#), AAL Chief Executive Officer, or [Dr Sarah Pearce](#), Nomination Committee Chair.