

Call for nominations to the AAT Time Allocation Committee (ATAC) and AAT Users' Committee (AATUC)

Applications close on Wednesday 29th August 5 PM AWST. Late applications will not be accepted.

On behalf of the Anglo-Australian Telescope (AAT) Council, Astronomy Australia Limited (AAL) seeks applications for the AAT Time Allocation Committee (one position) and AAT Users' Committee (three positions, including a student position and an international position). These two committees are continuations of the Australian Time Allocation Committee and AAO Users' Committee respectively, previously managed by the Australian Astronomical Observatory. Their operation is expected to largely remain similar to those of their predecessors.

About the AAT and AAL

Australia's largest optical telescope, the 3.9m Anglo-Australian Telescope (AAT) at Siding Spring Observatory, is operated using funding from a consortium of thirteen 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.

Committee Descriptions

AAT Time Allocation Committee

ATAC is the committee that allocates time on the Anglo-Australian Telescope (AAT), as well as Australian time on the Blanco telescope. It will meet twice a year in person, with the next meeting scheduled for early November.

We are seeking to appoint one ATAC member with this call. The term of an ATAC member is generally for 3 years, but may be staggered to ensure smooth turnover in membership. You can find the current membership of ATAC and their terms of office at: <http://www.astronomyaustralia.org.au/aat.html>

AAT Users' Committee

The AATUC provides advice to the AAT Council and SSO Director on the operational and development issues relating to the AAT. AATUC will meet twice a year via videoconferencing, with the next meeting scheduled for mid-October.

We are seeking three AATUC members with this call, including an international member and a student member. The term of an AATUC member is generally for 3 years, but may be staggered to ensure smooth turnover in membership. The AATUC student member is a one year appointment. You can find the current membership of AATUC and their terms of office at: <http://www.astronomyaustralia.org.au/aat.html>

Applications

If you consider yourself well placed to contribute to one of these committees via your expertise, ideas, and experience, please email applications@astronomyaustralia.org.au with a maximum three page application with:

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

AAL will review all applications for ATAC and AATUC and make recommendations to the AAT Council for formal appointment.

Call for Nominations

AAL is committed to equity and diversity and encourages applications from all interested candidates with the appropriate expertise and skills. AAL specifically considers gender balance across committee appointments. AAL also considers the range of specialisations and seniorities required for the committee's effective operation and seeks to maximise the number of AAL member institutions involved with committees it appoints.

Please do not hesitate to contact AAL if you have any questions regarding these committees:

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