

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

Applications close on Wednesday 13th February 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 (three positions).

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 Description

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 in May and November.

We are seeking to appoint three ATAC members with this call. One of these positions is expected to commence in March 2019, and the other two will be appointed from July 2019. 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>

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
- and any relevant conflicts of interest.

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

Note that the next ATAC meeting will take place in Melbourne on the 10th of May. Please indicate your availability at this time.

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. Therefore at least one of these appointments will be offered to a suitable female candidate and at least one will be offered to a suitable male candidate. 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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