

Call for nominations to the AAL Astronomy Supercomputer Time Allocation Committee (ASTAC)

Applications close Friday 2 November 5PM AWST

AAL is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee whose members are all Australian universities and research organisations with significant astronomical research capability. Its core business is to manage programmes which provide astronomers with access to national astronomy infrastructure, including data and computing infrastructure.

The Astronomy Supercomputer Time Allocation Committee (ASTAC) is an AAL committee. The purpose of ASTAC is to allocate time on the following supercomputer resources that has been reserved for astronomy access:

- [OzSTAR](#), Swinburne University of Technology;
- NCI National Facility;
- Pawsey Supercomputing Centre.

Note: AAL will consider ASTAC allocating time on any other supercomputer resources that provides dedicated national astronomy access, where appropriate.

Astronomy Supercomputer Time Allocation Committee (ASTAC) structure and governance

- ASTAC is an AAL committee, with the Chair and members appointed by the AAL Board.
- ASTAC members are usually appointed for two year terms, with the possibility of renewal.
- The ASTAC Chair position typically has a one year term, as the AAL Board sees value in regular turnover of this important role.
- Astronomy Data and Computing Services (ADACS) provides logistical, and secretarial support for ASTAC.
- ASTAC meets and allocates time twice per year via videocon/telecon.

Applications

Members of ASTAC are experts recognised in their fields through their personal records of achievement (e.g. publication in highly ranked journals, peer reviewed, grants, fellowships etc). The membership of ASTAC must be expert and diverse, sufficient to cover the breadth of the Astrophysics and Astronomy research fields and computational techniques from which the applications derive.

The terms of three ASTAC members expire at the end of 2018, creating three vacancies on the committee. If you consider yourself well placed to contribute to this committee via your expertise and ideas, and share AAL's vision of wanting Australian astronomers to have access to the best research infrastructure, please email info@astronomyaustralia.org with a three A4 page application with:

- a brief CV,
- your relevant expertise,
- any relevant conflicts of interest.

AAL is committed to equity and diversity and encourages applications from everyone with the appropriate expertise and skills.

Applications close on Friday 2 November 5 PM AWST. Late applications will not be accepted.

The AAL Board will seek to appoint three ASTAC committee members at its next meeting on 27th November 2018. Those who are successfully appointed will be informed shortly after.

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