

# Data and Computing Allocation Committee (DCAC)

**Applications closing Friday 10th November 2017 at 4pm AEST**

Astronomy Australia Limited ([AAL](#)) seeks applications for a new committee to govern the allocation of resources on behalf of Astronomy Data and Computing Services. 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.

Astronomy Data and Computing Services ([ADACS](#)) is a national initiative created by Astronomy Australia Limited (AAL) for the benefit of all Australian-based astronomers. The over-riding goal of ADACS is to provide astronomy-focused training, support and expertise to allow astronomers to maximise the scientific return from data and computing infrastructure.

As part of its operations ADACS will from time-to-time have a need to allocate data and computing resources to the astronomy community, primarily through a call for applications and a merit-based evaluation of those applications. Resources to be allocated will likely include the provision of software support services but may also include other resources such as data hosting. The resource allocation process is to be overseen by the new allocation committee.

AAL is currently restructuring its existing advisory committees. This Allocation Committee is independent of that restructure.

## Data and Computing Allocation Committee (DCAC) structure and governance

- The DCAC will comprise a chair and at least three normal members
- Membership of the DCAC will be approved and appointed by the AAL board.
- DCAC members are appointed for one or two year terms, with the possibility of renewal.
- The DCAC Chair position is for a one year term and will report to the AAL board.
- ADACS will provide administrative, logistical, and secretarial support for the DCAC
- The DCAC is expected to meet and allocates time twice per year as a minimum or as demand requires.
- Meetings will normally be via videocon/telecon.

## Applications

The deadline for applications is **Friday 10th November 2017 at 4pm AEST**. Late applications will not be accepted.

AAL expects the committee's collective expertise to span the breadth of astrophysics, computational techniques and data science areas. AAL is particularly interested in applications from people who have recognised expertise in a relevant area of astrophysics or data science:- demonstrated through publication, awards and/or software.

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](mailto:info@astronomyaustralia.org) with a two A4 page application with:

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

If you wish to be considered for the position of committee chair please make this clear in the application.

AAL encourages applications from everyone with the appropriate expertise and skills, including early-to-mid career researchers. AAL has a minimum requirement of 25% female representation over all its committees, and encourages applications from women.

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The AAL Board will seek to form the committee at its next meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2017. Those who are successfully appointed will be informed shortly after.

For more information please email [info@astronomyaustralia.org.au](mailto:info@astronomyaustralia.org.au).