

Call for nominations to the Murchison Widefield Array Board

Applications close Friday 20 September 5PM AWST

[Astronomy Australia Limited](#) (AAL), on behalf of the Australian Murchison Widefield Array (MWA) Partners, is inviting applications from suitably qualified Australian-based astronomers to represent Australia on the MWA Board.

Australia currently has 4 positions on the MWA Board, with one position to be filled through this open call for nominations. The successful applicant will be expected to work with the Australian MWA Partners and AAL to represent Australian interests in the MWA project.

The successful applicant must be an Australian-based astronomer with an active and successful research career of direct relevance to the MWA. The successful applicant should have demonstrated ability to represent the interests of the broad Australian astronomy community. Experience serving on groups such as Boards and advisory committees, and previous involvement with international projects, would also be highly relevant.

The term of this appointment is normally the calendar year. However, due to the resignation of the current office holder, the new appointee will serve from 1st November 2019 to 31st December 2020. The MWA Board meets twice per year in person, typically in MWA partner countries, with regular teleconferences in between. The next meetings are on the 6th of November (telecon) and 13th December (face to face in Arizona). AAL will fund travel expenses associated with attending face to face MWA Board meetings.

The Murchison Widefield Array

The MWA is a low-frequency radio telescope located at the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory (MRO) in Western Australia. The MWA has been developed by an international collaboration, which now includes partners from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States, Japan and China. MWA has been funded from partner contributions and national funding agencies, including the Australian Government's Australian Research Council (ARC) and National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS).

Applications

If you consider yourself well placed to contribute to the MWA Board 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 selection criteria
- a brief CV
- any relevant conflicts of interest.

Selection Criteria

- Track record of research or technical experience in areas of relevance to the MWA
- Demonstrated ability to liaise with the wider Australian community
- Experience with telescope governance, time allocation or user policy setting

In addition, consideration will be given to

- Maintaining representation on the board from a broad range of Australian institutions
- Gender/age/race diversity

Call for Nominations to MWA Board

Applications will be evaluated by a panel comprising members of the Australian MWA Partnership and chaired by an AAL representative. This panel will nominate a candidate for appointment to the MWA Board, with the nomination to be ratified by the Australian MWA partners.

Please do not hesitate to contact [James Murray](#), (AAL Senior Program Manager, 03 9214 8426) if with any questions regarding the position, or [George Heald](#) (MWA Board Chair) with queries about the Board.

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

Applications close on Friday 20th September 5 PM AWST. Late applications will not be accepted.