



Call for applications to the Industry Engagement Advisory Committee (IEAC)

Applications for all positions close on Monday 21st October 2024, 8:00 PM AEDT. If openings remain after all applications received and completed by the deadline have been considered, late applications will be accepted.

[Astronomy Australia Limited](#) (AAL) is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee whose [members](#) are all Australian universities and research organisations with a significant astronomy research capability. Its core business is to manage programmes which provide astronomers with access to the best astronomy infrastructure, including data and computing infrastructure.

AAL finances a portfolio of infrastructure projects and facilities from Australian Government funding. AAL oversees the progress of these projects and reports regularly on them to the Government.

IEAC

In order to make informed decisions upon investments in astronomy infrastructure, AAL relies upon strategic and technical advice from its advisory committees.

Facilitated and coordinated engagement between astronomers and industry is a priority of the decadal plan. AAL's members are all Australian research organisations with a substantial astronomical research capability and therefore it is the ideal organisation to coordinate that engagement. The Industry Engagement Advisory Committee will provide expert advice on AAL activities in the area and more broadly on sector-wide requirements.

AAL is seeking astronomers and technical experts from other disciplines with experience in partnering with industry and/or commercialisation of scientific research.

IEAC meets quarterly via video conference.

Applications

If you consider yourself well placed to contribute to IEAC via your experience and technical expertise, please email applications@astronomyaustralia.org.au with a maximum three-page application including:

- A covering letter describing your expertise relevant to the committee terms of reference (see below), and experience in industry engagement or scientific commercialisation
- A brief CV
- Any relevant conflicts of interest.

Please do not hesitate to contact [Dr James Murray](#), Director of Programs, with any questions regarding the vacant committee positions.

AAL encourages applications from all interested candidates with the appropriate skills and expertise. AAL specifically considers gender balance across committee appointments and seeks to maximise the number of AAL member institutions involved with AAL committees.

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IEAC Terms of Reference

The AAL industry Engagement Advisory Committee (IEAC) will be a committee of the Astronomy Australia Limited. The purpose of IEAC is to assist AAL by:

- Facilitating connections between the astronomy community and industry.
- Advising AAL Board on commercialisation matters.
- Highlighting opportunities for AAL to take industry engagement considerations into account in its decision making.

Membership

- Members of IEAC are appointed by the AAL Board for one or two-year fixed terms, with the possibility of renewal. Committee members will be appointed by AAL via an application process. AAL will appoint a Chair to the committee.
- The committee will comprise six members (including the Chair), with experience that covers a range of astronomical research infrastructure projects.
- Ex-officio members may be appointed as required by the AAL Board.
- AAL aims for institutional, geographical, career stage and gender diversity across its advisory committees.
- Meeting frequency: quarterly, in line with project reporting requirements.