Astronomy Australia Ltd.

AAL POSITION DESCRIPTION

Astronomy Data and Computing Services Time Allocation Committee (ADACS TAC)

Applications for all positions close on Thursday 5th November, 9:00 AM AEDT.

If openings remain after all applications received by the deadline have been considered, late applications will be accepted.

Astronomy Australia Limited

Astronomy Australia Ltd (AAL) is a not-for-profit company supported by members across Australian universities and research organisations with a significant astronomical research capability. It is governed by an independent Board of Directors. AAL manages the Astronomy Program of the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) and oversees management of the Anglo-Australian Telescope (AAT).

AAL's purpose is to advance the science of astronomy in Australia by supporting achievement of the goals of the *2026-35 Astronomy Decadal Plan* - the articulation of the highest priorities of the Australian astronomy community over the coming decade.

In particular, we seek to secure national access to groundbreaking astronomy facilities, build Australian capacity, and work with organisations in Australia which manage national astronomy facilities. We also seek to collaborate with partners to ensure astronomy enables a thriving community. Our vision is for Australian astronomy to have access to the world's best research infrastructure to conduct groundbreaking science, support Australian industry and innovation, and deliver impact for society.

ADACS TAC Structure and Governance

The Astronomy Data and Computing Services (ADACS) is a national initiative created by AAL for the benefit of all Australian-based astronomers. The 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. ADACS is funded by AAL through NCRIS and reports to the AAL Board through an AAL appointed committee.

The ADACS Time Allocation Committee (ADACS TAC) is an AAL committee whose purpose is the allocation of data and computing expert service resources to the astronomy community, primarily through a call for applications and the ADACS Merit Allocation Program.

- Membership of ADACS TAC is approved and appointed by the AAL Board.
- Members are appointed for two-year terms, with the possibility of renewal.

- The ADACS TAC Chair is appointed for a one-year term and will report to the AAL Board.
- ADACS provides administrative, logistical, and secretarial support for ADACS TAC.
- ADACS TAC meets and allocates time twice per year via videoconference.
- ADACS may request advice from ADACS TAC on out-of-session applications or on related matters if such a need arises.

Applications

Members of ADACS TAC are experts recognised in their fields through their personal records of achievement (e.g. publication in highly ranked journals, awards and/or software etc.).

AAL expects the collective expertise of ADACS TAC to span the breadth of astrophysics, computational techniques and data science areas. Applicants with experience applying astronomy-related capabilities to broader research, industry or national-priority challenges are particularly encouraged to apply.

If you consider yourself well placed to contribute to this committee via your expertise and ideas, please email Grace Lawrence, AAL Program Manager, (cc info@astronomyaustralia.org.au) with a maximum three-page application that includes:

- A covering letter describing your relevant expertise
- A brief CV
- Any relevant conflicts of interest.

Any questions regarding the committee or the application process are welcome.

AAL is committed to equity and diversity and encourages applications from everyone with the appropriate expertise and skills. AAL specifically considers gender balance across committee appointments and seeks to maximise the number of AAL member institutions involved with AAL committees.