Astronomy Australia Ltd.

AAL POSITION DESCRIPTION

Astronomy-Space Coordinating Committee (ASCC)

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.

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The Decadal Plan calls for Australia to strengthen access to space facilities – from payload development to ground stations. There are opportunities to consider the nexus between astronomy and space science, and translation pathways between the two, that deliver mutual benefit.

AAL aims to support deeper collaboration between the astronomy and space communities, while working within the constraints of a currently limited budget.

To help advance this work, the AAL Board established the Space Science Leads Committee in 2023, bringing together astronomers with expertise and interests in space astronomy programs, space technology and industry. The Committee was formed to strengthen communication within the community and with external stakeholders on matters relating to space programs and data. It has now evolved into the Astronomy-Space Coordinating Committee (ASCC), which provides advice to the AAL Board and CEO on opportunities, priorities and strategic engagement at the intersection of astronomy and the Australian space sector.

- Members are appointed for two-year terms, with the possibility of renewal.
- The ASCC Chair is appointed for a one-year term and will report to the AAL Board
- The ASCC meets four times per year, usually via videoconference.
- The AAL Board may request advice from the ASCC out of session on space-related matters if such a need arises.

Applications

Astronomy Australia Ltd (AAL) is inviting applications from suitably qualified Australian-based astronomers for the AAL Astronomy-Space Coordinating Committee.

To be considered for the role, applicants should demonstrate their:

- expertise or technical experience in areas of relevance to matters relating to space programs, infrastructure, technology and data; and
- ability to liaise with the wider Australian community and external stakeholders.

If you consider yourself well placed to contribute to this committee via your expertise and ideas, please email Lucyna Chudczer, AAL Senior 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.