AAT Time Allocation Committee (ATAC)

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.

On behalf of the Anglo-Australian Telescope (AAT) Council, Astronomy Australia Limited (AAL) seeks applications for one position on the AAT Time Allocation Committee (ATAC).

Applications are sought from individuals experienced in use of the AAT and its instruments.

AAL and the AAT

Australia's largest optical telescope, the 3.9m AAT at Siding Spring Observatory, is operated using funding from a consortium of Australian universities ("the AAT Consortium"), and these operations are governed by the AAT Council. The telescope Operator for the Consortium is the Australian National University (ANU), with AAL playing the role of Manager of those operations on behalf of the AAT Consortium.

AAL is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, whose members are all Australian universities and research organisations with significant astronomical research capability.

ATAC

The ATAC allocates time on the AAT, as well as Australian time on international telescopes as required. ATAC meets twice a year in May and November. The membership of ATAC aims to balance different research fields to ensure an informed and equitable allocation process for both telescopes.

The term of an ATAC member is generally for 3 years but may be staggered to ensure smooth turnover in membership.

Applications

If you consider yourself well placed to contribute to this committee via your expertise and ideas, please email Brent Groves, 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 role or the application process are welcome.

AAL will review all applications and make recommendations to the AAT Council for formal appointment. The review will consider relevant expertise of candidates, career stage and geographical placement, applying a selection process that addresses the principles of membership as stated in the AAT Time Allocation Policies and Procedures.

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