

Science & Technology Australia is the nation's peak advocacy group for 82 organisations and 75,000+ people working in science and technology, with a 34-year history of providing a voice for Australian STEM. Our mission is to bring together scientists, governments, industry and the broader community to advance the role, reputation and impact of science and technology in Australia.

The STA Board consists of the nine office bearers of the Association and 12 Cluster Group representatives, as follows:

Office-bearers (Executive Committee):

President; President Elect (even years); Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Policy Committee Chair; 1 to 2 Early Career Representatives; Ordinary Member (odd years); Chief Executive Officer (no voting rights)

Cluster Group Representatives:

Agricultural and Food Sciences; Aquatic Sciences; Biological Sciences; Chemical Sciences; Geological and Geographic Sciences; Mathematical Sciences; Medical and Cognitive Sciences; Physical Sciences; Plant and Ecological Sciences; Technological Sciences; and two General Representatives.

The Board is responsible for the strategy, governance and membership functions of Science & Technology Australia. Cluster Group Representatives are elected by members of their cluster.

Position Description: Cluster Group Representative

The Cluster Representative reports to the President and is responsible for:

- Representing the Cluster Group members' interests and perspectives on the STA Board
- Communicating relevant Board and STA activities and programs information to Cluster Group members
- Facilitating networking among Cluster Group members

Time commitment

Approximately five hours per month, including: attending four meetings of the Board and the AGM (including two face-to-face meetings) per year, attending STA events when possible, and communicating with Cluster Group members.

Desirable skills, experience and attributes

- Holds or aspires to a leadership position in STEM (whether academic, private sector or government)
- Maintains an awareness of the relevant disciplinary group and its place in the broader sector
- Confident communicator
- Prior board experience is preferred
- Experience or knowledge in finance, law, HR, and governance is favourably considered

Remuneration

STA is a non-profit and its Directors are volunteers. STA pays travel and associated costs for Board members when they are required to travel to acquit their duties at meetings and events.