

STA Executive Committee

Science & Technology Australia is the nation's peak advocacy body for 83 organisations and 75,000+ people working in science and technology, with a 34-year history of providing a voice for 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 Executive Committee consists of the office bearers of the Association:

President	2 years
President Elect (even years)	1 year, followed by 2 years as President
Vice President	2 years
Secretary	2 years
Treasurer	2 years
Policy Committee Chair	2 years
1 to 2 Early Career Representatives	2 years
Ordinary Member (odd years)	1 year
Chief Executive Officer (no voting rights)	Duration of appointment

Each position is eligible for re-election, to a maximum term of four years. Committee members are elected by the entire STA membership, at the Annual General Meeting, by preferential voting through a secret ballot.

The Executive Committee is a committee of the Board, comprising financial members of STA's ordinary member organisations. It has responsibility for overseeing the operations of STA on behalf of the Board, and guiding the Board on strategy.

The Committee meets at least six times per calendar year, two of these in person. Executive Committee members are not remunerated, however, STA covers all travel and accommodation expenses associated with attending Executive Committee and Board meetings; offers free registration to all STA events; and covers all travel expenses associated with performing official duties requested by and on behalf of STA.

Position Description: Early Career Representative

The position of Early Career Representative is an opportunity for aspiring leaders to acquire real-world board-level experience as part of a dynamic and capable team; build high-level networks in STEM, and acquire leadership skills. The Early Career Representative is responsible for:

- Supporting the Executive Committee and CEO to oversee the operations of STA
- Representing early career interests and perspectives on the Executive Committee
- Communicating STA interests to and within the early career community

Time commitment

Roughly one hour per fortnight, including attending 10 meetings of the Board and Executive per year (three in person), attending the AGM, attending STA events when possible (eg. member meet-ups, Science meets Parliament), and advising the CEO, and committees of the Board where applicable.

Desirable skills, experience and attributes

- Up to nine years post-PhD or work experience equivalent
- Aspires to leadership in the STEM sector
- Maintains a sector-wide awareness and perspective
- Confident communicator