

VAST Membership Policy

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1. Members of the VAST collaboration have access to raw and processed ASKAP data taken as part of the VAST project, before it is publicly released in CASDA.
2. Members of the VAST collaboration have access to all project information and discussions on the VAST mailing list, Slack, wiki and github repository.
3. VAST members must not share proprietary data or information with people outside the collaboration, without permission from the PIs.
4. There are two types of members. Full members and student members. Student members include undergraduate and postgraduate students who have not completed their PhD.
5. Students can only be a member of VAST if their supervisor is a VAST member.
6. A list of members will be maintained on the [VAST project wiki](#).
7. All members must agree to the VAST Code of Conduct. Reported breaches of the Code of Conduct will be evaluated by the PIs. If a VAST member is found to have breached the Code of Conduct they may be asked to leave the collaboration.
8. Membership of VAST does not confer authorship rights on VAST publications. Authorship is determined by direct contribution as specified by the VAST publication policy.
9. The aim of the collaboration policy is to encourage sharing and positive collaboration, and discourage claim staking, to maximise the scientific output of the VAST project. To do this we have the following process for projects:
 - 9.1. To propose a VAST project the lead should email the VAST mailing list with the project title, brief scope, and interested members.
 - 9.2. The lead investigator of the project must not be a student.
 - 9.3. Other members have a week to raise any concerns about the project with the lead investigator and CI.
 - 9.4. Once the project is approved it will be listed on the VAST wiki.
 - 9.5. Other people who are interested in working in the same area should ask to join the approved project.
 - 9.6. Projects that form a significant part of a student's PhD project should be clearly identified.
 - 9.7. We encourage an inclusive approach to collaboration on projects within VAST.
 - 9.8. Once work is underway and a publication is planned, it should be proposed separately as outlined in the VAST Publication Policy.
 - 9.9. Where possible project members should proactively provide updates on the status of the project via email, wiki updates or VAST telecons.
 - 9.10. Projects will be reviewed every 6 months and inactive projects may be retired.
10. Any disputes about project membership should be raised with the VAST PIs, Tara Murphy or David Kaplan. If the dispute can not be resolved it will be referred to the ASKAP Project Scientist.