

VAST Publication Policy

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1. This policy is built on the [ASKAP publication policy](#).
2. A VAST publication is defined as any publication that uses proprietary data or software observed, analysed or developed as part of the VAST project.
3. The policy applies to all VAST publications that use data that was not publicly available at the time the publication is proposed.
4. Once data is publicly available in the [CASDA archive](#), subsequent publications have no restrictions.
5. All publications must have a principal contact associated with them. The contact person must be a VAST member, and must not be a student.
6. Authorship on VAST publications recognises direct contributions to that publication: there is no VAST builders list.
7. A contribution to a publication could include: intellectual and scientific input, conducting observations, data reduction, software development, scientific analysis, or writing parts of the manuscript text.
8. The process for publishing a VAST paper is:
 - 8.1. VAST members should propose a publication by circulating to the VAST mailing list an email listing:
 - the proposed title
 - the proposed co-authors
 - a description of the content and the data being used
 - planned journal and submission timeframe
 - 8.2. This should be done at least 2 weeks before publication, in line with the ASKAP publication policy requirement that papers are circulated to the ACES/ASKAP mailing lists
 - 8.3. The lead author should also circulate this to the ACES/ASKAP mailing lists (ASKAP_team@csiro and CASS-ACES@csiro.au) to allow for co-author opt-in, as specified in Section 3.4 (ii) of the [ASKAP publication policy](#).
 - 8.4. VAST members who believe they have made a substantial contribution to the work being published can request to opt-in to co-author a paper by emailing the lead author and the VAST PIs with a statement of their contribution.
 - 8.5. The completed draft should be circulated to all co-authors. The lead author must receive confirmation from every author that they are happy for the paper to be submitted, in line with most journal publication policies.
 - 8.6. After acceptance the paper should be emailed to the mailing list, and linked to on the VAST wiki.
9. In cases where rapid publication is required, the lead author should contact the VAST PIs to get approval to waive this process.
10. The principal contact is responsible for paying and/or coordinating all page charges associated with a publication. Any division of the page charges between co-authors must be established and agreed upon before submission.
11. The following acknowledgement should be given in all ASKAP scientific publications in refereed journals (as per the ASKAP publication policy):

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12. Any disputes 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.