

UK Space Agency: Space Exploration Advisory Committee Call for Nominations for new chairperson

The UK Space Agency seeks nominations for the chairperson of its Space Exploration Advisory Committee (SEAC).

The SEAC is responsible for advising the Agency on matters relating to robotic and human space exploration programmes. The committee's remit includes advising on UK participation in European exploration programmes (including Mars exploration and the International Space Station) and national level activities in support of these programmes. Membership of the SEAC consists of representatives of the academic and industrial communities from across the breadth of relevant subject areas, including biomedicine, fundamental physics, robotics and autonomy, and space science.

The chairperson of the group plays an important role in guiding discussions, tasking members with specific activities and reporting to the Agency's Executive Board.

Nominations should be made no later than 31 March 2017 by email to the below address.

Please include the following information:

- name
- organisation
- brief summary (200-300 words) of relevant experience

Suitable candidates are expected to have:

- experience of working with international space programmes (e.g. with ESA, NASA)
- broad knowledge of the UK R+D landscape
- knowledge of the political and strategic challenges of work in this area, at both a national and international level
- experience of working in similar advisory positions for government or other public bodies (e.g. government agencies, Research Councils, other funding bodies.)

Chairmanship is on a two-year term, commencing August 2017. Meetings are usually held quarterly. To submit a nomination (either for yourself or for a colleague) or for more information about the SEAC and what membership entails, please contact Rachel Luke:

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