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Nominations and elections guidelines

ATSE Forums elections 2026

This document contains guidelines for conducting the ATSE Forum election in 2026. ATSE’s ten Policy Forums are expertise-based committees of Academy Fellows, determined by common knowledge areas and professional interest. Forums provide expert focus in the technical and policy priority areas of the Academy; they operate through engagement with, and contributions from, individual Fellows and state and territory Divisions, as appropriate.

Any Fellow can self-nominate to join or leave any Forum as a member or as a reference member, by submitting a form on the ATSE website. A Forum is led by a leadership group comprising one Chair and two Deputy Chairs (Co-chairs can also be considered).

Forum leadership teams and positions up for election in 2026

Typically, no more than half of all Forum leadership positions should turn over in any given year. This year five of the ten forums are up for election, including the new Climate Change Forum.

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- Agriculture & food
- Climate change
- Digital futures
- Education
- Energy
- Health & medical technology
- Industry & innovation
- Infrastructure
- Mineral resources
- Water

To nominate please use the online form



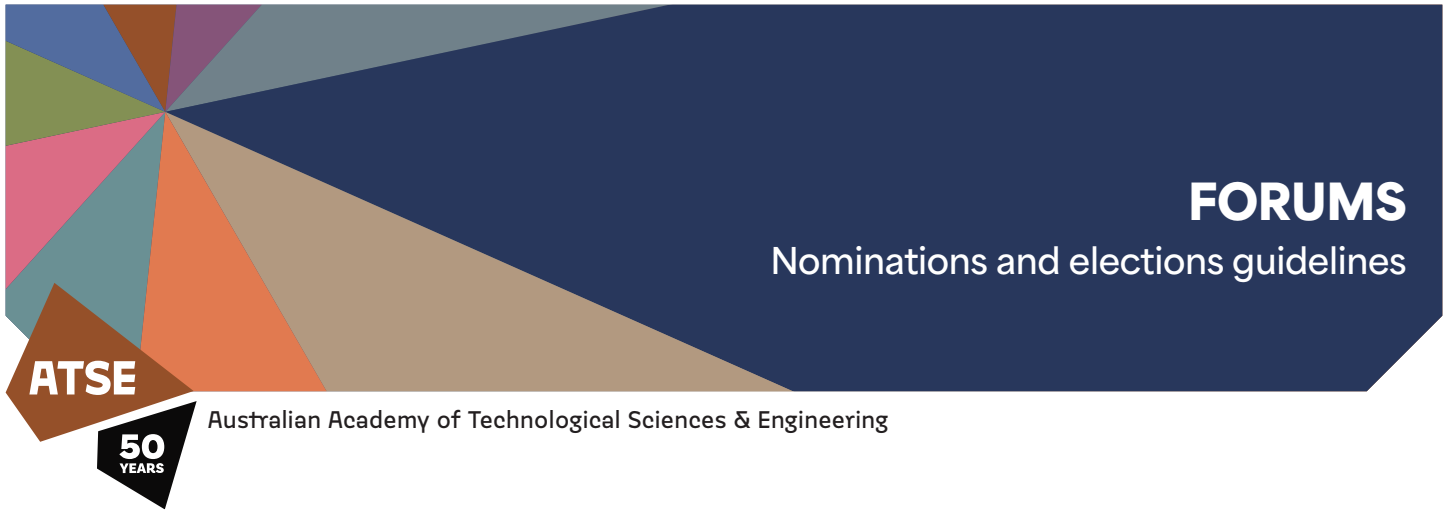
ATSE Forums Terms of reference



Join a Forum



Forum name	Election status	Details
Agriculture & food	Up for election	Chair x 1 Deputy Chair x 2
Climate change	Newly formed Up for election	Chair x 1 Deputy Chair x 2
Energy	Up for election	Chair x 1 Deputy Chair x 2
Industry & innovation	Up for election	Chair x 1 Deputy Chair x 2
Infrastructure	Up for election	Chair x 1 Deputy Chair x 2
Digital futures	No election required	Election due 2026



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Timing

Forum elections are conducted in July each year (to enable new Forum leaders to be confirmed and engage with the forums prior to participating in the November Assembly meeting).

Step	Description	Date
Nominations	Nominations open.	Monday 22 June
Nominations	Nominations close.	Friday 17 July
Nominations	Results of nominations announced and notice of poll provided, if positions on the leadership teams are contested.	Monday 20 July
Polling	Polls open for contested positions.	Wednesday 22 July
Close	Polls close, votes counted, and results announced to the candidates.	Wednesday 5 August
Confirmation	Results are given to the Board for consideration and final approval.	Tuesday 25 August

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Conduct of the election

This election will be conducted by the ATSE Professional Staff, in accordance with the Forum Terms of Reference, under the supervision of ATSE elections team.

Administrative management of the Forum elections will be led by Julia Wee (julia.wee@atse.org.au) and supported by Owen Myles (owen.myles@atse.org.au).

Nominations

Fellows may self-nominate or be nominated by other members of the Forum, with their consent. Nominees for a leadership team position:

- must be a member of the relevant Forum at the close of nominations,
- must be a fully financial Fellow, and
- must not have reached their term limits (see below).

Nominations must be submitted to the ATSE Professional Staff during the nominations period, before the close of nominations at 5pm, 17 July 2026 using the online form.

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Positions available

Each Forum will normally be led by one Chair and two Deputy Chairs (the leadership group) elected from among the Forum's membership. Once the election is concluded and the new leadership team is formed, additional members may be appointed at the leadership team's discretion to a maximum of six (6) for the entire leadership team.

Term limits

The Chair and Deputy Chairs are eligible to serve no more than two consecutive two-year terms in the same position. Individuals may serve a third subsequent term in a different elected position. Terms start and end to coincide with the meeting of ATSE's Assembly.

Equity

Like all ATSE Committees, Forum leadership teams are to comply with the Academy's Diversity and Inclusion Policy. Each Forum's leadership group should meet the Academy's required gender balance for all committees, being: 40% women, 40% men, and 20% persons of any gender. As such, at least one position on the elected leadership must be held by a man and one position held by a woman.

When a poll is required

If more than one nomination is received for the role of Chair, or more than two nominations for Deputy Chair, the positions will be put to election. Any member of the relevant Forum is eligible to vote in an election provided they are listed as a Forum member at the close of nominations.

The 2026 ATSE elections will be conducted via a secret ballot online. More information will be provided closer to each individual poll date.

Disputes

If a dispute arises during or after an election these may be resolved by the ATSE Board.

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