



## Position Description

<b>POSITION TITLE</b>	<b>Science Talent Search Committee Member (Professional Development)</b>
<b>TERMS</b>	Volunteer Position – Ongoing
<b>REMUNERATION</b>	Voluntary role
<b>LOCATION</b>	Meetings held online with occasional in-person events as required
<b>REPORTS TO</b>	STAV Science Talent Search Management

### About the Science Teachers of Victoria

The Science Teachers Association of Victoria (STAV) is a leading not-for-profit organisation supporting science education across Victoria. STAV delivers professional learning, resources, and programs for educators, including the long-running Science Talent Search (STS), which has inspired generations of students since 1952.

### About the Role

The Science Talent Search (STS) Committee Member is a volunteer role supporting the planning and delivery of one of Australia's most established student science competitions.

This position is designed as a **professional development opportunity**, ideal for educators and pre-service teachers looking to build experience in assessment, program delivery, and collaborative project work within a supportive and values-driven environment.

Committee members contribute to the ongoing development of the competition while gaining practical insight into judging processes, student engagement, and large-scale program delivery.

### Key Areas of Contribution

Committee members contribute across a range of areas, including:

- Participating in planning discussions and contributing to the development of the competition
- Providing input into categories, criteria, and processes
- Taking part in judging student entries (with guidance provided)
- Assisting with general enquiries from teachers and students
- Supporting promotion of the competition within professional networks
- Working collaboratively with committee members and STAV staff
- Contribute to planning discussions and development of the competition

### Professional Development Outcomes

This role offers meaningful opportunities to build professional capability and experience:

- Develop skills in assessment, evaluation, and moderation
- Gain experience in program planning and delivery

- Build confidence in collaboration and committee-based decision-making
- Expand professional networks across education and STEM sectors
- Contribute towards recognised professional development (PD) hours
- Gain exposure to innovative student work and emerging STEM ideas

### Time Commitment

The role is designed to be flexible and manageable:

- Approximately **5 online meetings per year**
- Flexible contribution throughout the year
- Increased involvement during the **July–August judging period**

### Selection Criteria

- Interest in science education and student learning
- Ability to work collaboratively within a team
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Reliability and willingness to contribute
- Confidence using digital tools and online platforms

No prior STS experience required.

### Who We're Looking For

We welcome expressions of interest from:

- Teachers and pre-service teachers
- Educators and STEM professionals
- Individuals with an interest in science education and student learning

You will bring:

- An interest in supporting science education
- A collaborative and positive approach
- Strong communication skills
- Reliability and willingness to contribute

No prior involvement with STS is required.

### What We Offer

- A supportive and collaborative volunteer environment
- Opportunities for professional growth and skill development
- Contribution to a respected statewide program
- Connection to a network of educators and STEM professionals

### How to Apply

If you are interested in joining the STS Committee, we would love to hear from you.

Please email [sts@stav.vic.edu.au](mailto:sts@stav.vic.edu.au) with a short expression of interest outlining your background and interest in the role.