

# Dougal Dobie

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I am a PhD student at the University of Sydney working in radio astronomy, with a focus in radio transients, gravitational waves and high-energy astrophysics. I'm also interested in multi-wavelength transients science, data science and machine learning.

## Education

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**Doctor of Philosophy (Science)** **University of Sydney**  
*Thesis title: Radio follow-up of gravitational wave events* *2017–present*

**Bachelor of Science (Advanced) (Hons.)** **University of Sydney**  
*Physics (major), Applied Mathematics and Computational Science* *2013–2016*

## Refereed Publications

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I am first author of 4 papers, one of which was awarded the University of Sydney Faculty of Science Postgraduate Research Prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

I am also a co-author of 13 other papers published in a range of journals including *Nature* and *Science*. My h-index is 10, with over 2000 total citations (>60 citations for first author papers). A chronological list of my publications is attached at the end of this document.

## Professional Activities

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**Australia Telescope User Committee Representative** **Australia Telescope National Facility**  
*Liase between the telescope user community and ATNF Director* *2018/2019*

**Duty Astronomer** **Australia Telescope National Facility**  
*Assist observers using the Australia Telescope Compact Array* *2017–present*

**Local Organising Committee** **University of Sydney**  
*Local logistics for Science At Low Frequencies IV* *December 12-17, 2017*

## Invited Talks

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**Exploring the Universe with Gravity & Light** **Shanghai Astronomical Observatory**  
*The 5th Chinese SKA Summer School 2019* *August 2019*

**Detection of Radio Emission from a Gravitational Wave Event** **Macquarie University**  
*Stars in Sydney 2017* *November 2017*

## Successful Telescope Proposals

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I am the PI of the ongoing ATCA proposal *Radio follow-up of LIGO gravitational wave events* (750 hrs). I am also the PI or co-I on multiple other standard and target-of-opportunity ATCA proposals, totalling several hundred hours of observing time. I regularly successfully request target-of-opportunity observing with the ATCA to follow-up interesting transient sources. I have extensive experience carrying out ATCA observations and data reduction.

I am also a co-I of several proposals on the MWA (3 hrs), ASKAP (100 hrs) and the VLA (280 hrs). I have experience with data reduction and analysis of observations from all three of these telescopes.

## Teaching Experience

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<b>Undergraduate Tutor</b> <i>Lab tutor (Second Year Physics), Night Viewing guide (First Year Astronomy)</i>	<b>University of Sydney</b> 2016–present
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> <i>OLET1618 – Data Driven Astronomy: Algorithms</i>	<b>University of Sydney</b> 2018–present
<b>Online Tutor</b> <i>Coursera – Data Driven Astronomy</i>	<b>Coursera</b> 2018–present
<b>Lecturer</b> <i>The 5th Chinese SKA Summer School 2019</i>	<b>Shanghai Astronomical Observatory</b> August 2019
<b>Undergraduate Research Advisor</b> <i>Pablo Bonilla Ataides - “Prospects for radio follow-up of BNS mergers”</i>	<b>University of Sydney</b> 2019
<b>Workshop development</b> <i>Undergraduate workshop on radio data analysis</i>	<b>GROWTH Astronomy School</b> December 2018, August 2019
<b>Course Development</b> <i>Material for Data Driven Astronomy online course</i>	<b>University of Sydney</b> 2016/17

## Awards and Commendations

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<i>Australian Institute of Physics (NSW Branch) Award for Postgraduate Excellence in Physics</i>	2019
<i>Faculty of Science Postgraduate Research Prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement</i>	2019
<i>University of Sydney Postgraduate Research Support Scheme</i>	2019
<i>University of Sydney Merit Award</i>	2017-2020
<i>Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend Scholarship</i>	2017-2020
<i>University of Sydney School of Physics Summer Research Scholarship</i>	2013/14, 2014/15
<i>University of Sydney Mathematics Entry Scholarship</i>	2013

## Selected Public Outreach

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I believe a key responsibility of all scientists is communicating their results to the general public. I regularly volunteer at public outreach events and have three years of experience communicating science to the public at Sydney Observatory. I have also given interviews to the Australian media about my research. Below are some examples of my experience with science communication

<b>Astronomy Educator</b> <i>Educating school groups and the general public</i>	<b>Sydney Observatory</b> 2016–present
<b>Workshop Facilitator &amp; Science Advisor</b> <i>Promoting female innovation and entrepreneurship in STEM</i>	<b>Galaxy Convention</b> 5 December 2017
<b>Science in a Lunchtime</b> <i>Q&amp;A: Exploring the Hidden Universe &amp; Careers in Astronomy</i>	<b>Mosman High School</b> 17 November 2017
<b>CAASTRO Astronomer in Residence</b> <i>Educating the general public &amp; promoting Australian astronomy</i>	<b>Ayers Rock Resort</b> August 2017
<b>Sydney Astrofest</b> <i>Interacting with the public and general logistics</i>	<b>University of Sydney</b> 2016, 2017

## Publications

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