



ASTROEDU

peer-reviewed astronomy education activities

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What is astroEDU?

astroEDU makes the best astronomy activities accessible to educators around the world.

astroEDU is an open-access platform for peer-reviewed astronomy education activities.

astroEDU is a platform for educators to discover, review, distribute, improve, and remix educational astronomy activities.



Why peer reviewed educational activities?

astroEDU assigns two reviewers; an astronomer and an educator to review each activity.

This process increases the quality of the scientific content, educational implementation and credibility of the activities.



What does astroEDU expect to achieve?

astroEDU tries to solve some past issues with educational activities in astronomy:

Many of the educational activities are difficult to find, difficult to use.

The number of existing activities is large, but their quality is often difficult to judge.

Through peer-review astroEDU is improving standards of quality, visibility and providing credibility to astronomy educational activities.



What incentive is there for activity creators?

The same way that peer-reviewed scholarly articles are the base for performance evaluation of scholars, astroEDU will provide a new metric to assess the quality of the work developed by educators.

The activities will also be given higher visibility with much wider distribution through the partner networks and the official seal of the IAU.



Which license does astroEDU use?

One of the main goals of the astroEDU is to promote the use of excellent activities worldwide.

That is the reason why all the astroEDU activities will be licensed through the Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Unported license.



What about other languages?

At the moment astroEDU is a prototype to test the infrastructure and procedures.

We already accept activity submission in different languages, although the astroEDU on-line platform is only available in English for now.

However, language support will follow as soon as astroEDU leaves the prototype phase.



Could you be a reviewer?

If you are an educator or research astronomer who would be willing to review submitted activities, please get in touch.

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Who is behind astroEDU?

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