

Biography

Dr. James S. Ulvestad



Dr. James S. Ulvestad is the Acting Assistant Director in charge of the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences at the National Science Foundation (NSF), a position he has held since January 2017. Previously, he was the NSF Division Director for Astronomical Sciences from 2010 to 2017. Prior to coming to NSF, Dr. Ulvestad was an Assistant Director of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), where he was in charge of the Very Large Array and Very Long Baseline Array radio telescopes, and later was the head of the NRAO New Initiatives Office. Before going to NRAO, Dr. Ulvestad served in various capacities at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where he played important roles in several interagency and international programs. Among his community service activities, Dr. Ulvestad chaired the Demographics Study Group of the 2010 National Academy of Sciences decadal survey in astronomy and astrophysics, was an elected member of the American Astronomical Society Council, and has been a member of NASA's Structure and Evolution of the Universe Subcommittee. Dr. Ulvestad is an author or co-author of more than 80 refereed papers in the scientific literature, as well as numerous technical reports.