**The ANS Education Excellence Award is conferred annually to an individual or team who/that has made outstanding contributions to Neuroscience Education in Australia and/or New Zealand in one or more of the following areas:**

**a) Sustained excellence in teaching that promotes student engagement and effective learning**

**b) Innovative teaching methods and assessment strategies**

**c) Contributions to the scholarship of teaching and learning**

**d) Fostering interdisciplinary and inter-university teaching collaborations**

**e) Leadership in the enhancement of teaching and learning in Neuroscience**

**f) Outstanding contributions to neuroscience education outreach activities (such as in schools or advocacy/patient groups)**

**g) Other significant contributions to neuroscience education**

#### ****Conditions****

* Applicants must be Members of ANS at the time of application and at the time of presentation of the Award.
* The education-related activity must be in an area related to neuroscience.

#### ****How to Apply****

* Applicants should submit a two-page (maximum) summary PDF document outlining their contributions to neuroscience teaching.
* Associated evidence may be included as an appendix (additional 2 pages maximum, pdf format). Examples of the types of evidence that could be provided include: statistics showing outcome of the contribution, awards from institutions, evidence of the impact of the work on students etc..
* Applications are to be considered relative to opportunity.

**Assessment:**

Note: The winner of the ANS Education Excellence Award is decided by the ANS Council. The ranking information provided by assessors below will be considered by an assessment committee, together with any other relevant information, to formulate a recommendation to the Council.

**Assessors must sign and date their completed assessment**, scan it as a PDF, and then email the PDF to the **ANS Secretary** who collates the assessments. Note that only the Secretary will be aware of any assessor’s scores and any committee discussion of scoring will be done with assessor identities concealed.

**Please rank the applicants/nominees by entering numbers in the table below in the column under your name. Highest rank = 1, lowest rank = <Insert No.>.** **You must rank all applicants and you cannot give an identical rank to multiple applicants.**

In your ranking consider:

* The **proportion of the neuroscience component** in any educational activity described.
* The **quality of the evidence** supporting claims of neuroscience educational activity and success.
* The **proportional contribution** of the applicant to any described activity.
* The **sustained or aggregate magnitude** of the activity(ies)
* Indicators that the activity has been performed at a **high level of excellence**
* Whether excellence and/or impact of this activity has been **recognised at the national or international level**.
* If considering pedagogical research publications, remember the recommendations of the **Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)** available at <https://sfdora.org/read/> In particular:

“…the need to assess research on its own merits rather than on the basis of the journal in which the research is published; and …

“Do not use journal-based metrics, such as Journal Impact Factors, as a surrogate measure of the quality of individual research articles, to assess an individual scientist’s contributions, or in hiring, promotion, or funding decisions.”

* Please remember to consider any **career disruptions**.
* Please notify the ANS Secretary you discover a **conflict of interest**.

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**Candidate Ranking Table**

All candidates must receive a rank. You cannot give the same rank to multiple candidates. The top candidate should receive a rank of 1 and other candidates should received greater ranks (2, 3, 4, etc.)

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I declare that I have no conflicts of interest in this assessment process and that the ranking shown above was performed by me.

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