

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND FORENSIC SCIENCE SOCIETY

CRITERIA FOR ANZFSS SYMPOSIUM TRAVEL AWARDS - 2008

1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of the Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society (ANZFSS) Symposium Travel Award is to provide an opportunity for forensic science practitioners and students to attend the Symposium when they may not otherwise be able to attend.

Funding for the Award is provided by the National Branch of ANZFSS. State Branches may also provide awards to attend the Symposium using the same application process.

Applications on the official application form should be forwarded to the Secretary of the ANZFSS Branch of which the applicant is a member.

2. TRAVEL AWARD TYPES

It is anticipated that full and partial Travel Awards will be granted to the following categories of members for attendance at the 2008 Symposium in Melbourne, Victoria.

Experienced members

(member for 2 years or more)

- Seven (7) travel awards to the value of \$2000.00 to cover registration and all or the majority of the cost of an airfare and accommodation.

New practitioners

(less than 2 years experience as a forensic practitioner)

- Two (2) travel awards to the value of \$2000.00 to cover registration and all or the majority of the cost of an airfare and accommodation.
- Five (5) travel awards to the value of the registration fee.

Student Members

(currently studying or researching a forensic discipline)

- Two (2) travel awards to the value of \$2000.00 to cover registration and all or the majority of the cost of an airfare and accommodation.
- Five (5) travel awards to the value of the registration fee.

All members

- Seven (7) travel awards to the value of the registration fee.

3. CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL AWARDS

The granting of an award is subject to the application being of sufficient merit and worthiness. If there are insufficient meritorious applications, the number of awards listed above may not be granted.

The travel award is granted subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Acceptance of the abstract/s by the Symposium Scientific Committee if a presentation at the Symposium is part of the application,**
- 2. Presentation at the Symposium of the poster/oral presentation as outlined in the recipient's application, and**
- 3. Presentation at a local Branch meeting either before or after the Symposium.**

Failure to meet any of the above criteria may affect the recipient's entitlement to the award. If for any reason the recipient is unable to meet the above criteria or attend the Symposium, the National Executive must be advised and any funding provided returned to the National Branch.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

4. APPLICATION ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applicants MUST be current financial members of ANZFSS.

The applications will be assessed against two areas:

- Commitment to the local branch of ANZFSS, and
- Merit of paper/s or poster/s to be presented at the conference.

The ANZFSS involvement part of the application will be assessed by the State Branch.

The National Executive will assess the remainder of the application.

A number of criteria for the two areas mentioned above will be rated according to a designated scale and level of fulfilment of the criteria and a total score obtained. Final compilation and consideration will be made to determine the successful applicants.

The following assessment criteria will apply:

A. Branch Commitment

| Criteria | Comments |
|---|---|
| Duration of membership | <p>Based on years of ANZFSS membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 year = 1 point, etc up to a max of 5 yrs or greater = 5 points |
| Meetings attended in the previous 2 years. | <p>Based on number of local Branch meetings attended since the last Symposium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0<10 % attendance = 1 point • 10-25% attendance = 2 points • 25-50% attendance = 3 points • 50-75% attendance = 4 points • 75-100% attendance = 5 points <p>***State Branches are to verify the claims.</p> |
| Branch Involvement | <p>Based on any past or current Branch involvement including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branch Committee membership, Office Bearers (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary) • Presented at Branch meetings • Assisted with Branch activities • Other involvement <p>Rating 1 low involvement to 5 high involvement</p> |

Part A total score out of 15

B. Merit of paper or poster

| Criteria | Comments |
|---|--|
| Novelty / originality | <p>Based on originality of the research or idea, whether it is a continuation of other work or brings a new aspect to forensic science.</p> <p>1 low to 5 high</p> |
| Contribution to forensic science | <p>Based on the level of contribution the topic makes to the progress of the field of forensic science.</p> <p>1 low to 5 high</p> |
| Technicality of topic | <p>Based on the complexity or involvement of the topic, the level or depth of research or methodology.</p> <p>1 low to 5 high</p> |
| Benefit to Symposium | <p>Based on the learning/intellectual or other benefit to the attending delegates that may arise upon delivering the paper or poster.</p> <p>1 low to 5 high</p> |

Part B total score out of 20

Final score = A + B

In the event of equal scores other qualitative information included in the application will be considered if necessary to make a determination.

5. PROCESS

- **Applications must be submitted on the official application form to the Branch of which the applicant is a member by the due date. Late applications will not be accepted.**

- Local Branch officials will assess the applications and determine:
 - the applicant/s who shall receive local Awards; and
 - those applicants who merit recommendation for National Awards.
- The National Award recommendations will be forwarded to the ANZFSS Awards Committee for determination.
- Applicants will be notified of the decision in writing by the National Executive.

6. RELEVANT DATES

Relevant dates for Award applications for the 19th International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences, Melbourne, Victoria, 6 - 9 October 2008 are:

- 9 May 2008 Travel Award applications close for the consideration of State Branches.
- 6 June 2008 Final recommendations from ANZFSS Branches forwarded to Award Committee.
- 27 June 2008 Notification of decision to applicants.
- 6 July 2008 Deadline for abstract submission.