



ACNS Outstanding Service Prize

The ACNS Outstanding Service Prize aims to recognise members who have made exceptional contributions to the ACNS. Individuals nominated for this Prize are expected to have significantly and/or consistently contributed to the ACNS at a level that is well beyond reasonable expectations. Assessments will be made relative to opportunity, for example, service contributions will differ for early career researchers as compared to more senior members. Nominees are expected to:

- Be a current ACNS member;
- Not be a current elected member of the ACNS Executive; and
- Have an exceptional track record of involvement in ACNS, such as committee and working group memberships, policy and document development, conference and event organisation, abstract reviewing and/or presentation judging.

Recipients of this Prize will receive recognition from the ACNS via the newsletter, website, and social media channels, and will be presented with a certificate at the annual ACNS conference or AGM.

Self-nominations for this prize will not be accepted. We request that nominations be made confidentially. Only successful nominees will be contacted. Unsuccessful applications may be resubmitted in future years. Nominations must be submitted via email to acns@acns.org.au and should include:

1. The Nominee's name, affiliation, and contact information; and
2. A brief statement outlining how this person has demonstrated exceptional contributions to the ACNS (max 500 words).

Nominations are open year-round, with no submission deadline. Nominations can be submitted by any current ACNS member, including current elected and ex officio members of the Executive. All nominations must be submitted electronically. The Executive may decide to award more than one prize or none in any year.

Consideration will be given to career disruptions (e.g., parental leave, relocation, illness, etc.). Diversity is a key value of the ACNS and guides our selection process. Applicants will not be discriminated against with regard to race, colour, ethnicity, religion, creed, sex, marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disabilities, or other factors.

Nominations will be reviewed by the ACNS Executive. This Prize does not fit under the ACNS Awards Review Panel Policy. Due to the nature of the Prize, it is expected that conflicts of interest will exist between nominees and members of the Executive. Review processes and decisions will be kept confidential and will be conducted respectfully and honestly, in line with the culture that ACNS is proud to uphold.

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