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ACNS Lifetime Contribution Award

The ACNS Lifetime Contribution Award aims to honour senior distinguished cognitive neuroscientists who have made extraordinary lifetime contributions to the advancement of Australasian cognitive neuroscience nationally and internationally. 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.

The submission deadline for these awards is by close-of-business on **Friday 21st August 2026 (AWST)**. All nominations must be submitted electronically – please see below for details. These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the ACNS Awards Policy found [here](#).

Criteria

Individuals nominated for this award are expected to have a distinguished research profile and a record of sustained commitment to service in promoting Australasian cognitive neuroscience.

Nominees may show enduring commitment to one or more areas of service, including service to the discipline, professional advocacy, mentorship/sponsorship of early-mid career researchers (EMCRs), and national/international linkages. Service to the discipline may be demonstrated by involvement in association governance; serving on boards, committees and various cognitive neuroscience associations; sustained journal editorial roles and/or grant panel contributions; mentoring students and colleagues; advocating for cognitive neuroscience's best interests with state and federal lawmakers; advocating for equity and diversity; promoting the value of cognitive neuroscience to the public, etc.

Past or current involvement in ACNS, including conference attendance and service, will be looked upon favourably during the assessment, but is not essential.

Recipients of this award will:

1. Receive lifetime ACNS membership;
2. Be given free conference registration for the year of award; and
3. Be presented the award in a brief presentation at the 2026 Australasian Neuroscience Alliance Conference.

Nomination Process:

Nominations must be submitted by a third party (no self-nominations) via email to awards@acns.org.au with the following information:

1. The Nominee's name, affiliation and contact information;
2. A brief statement outlining how this person meets the criteria for this award (max 500 words);
3. Links to relevant online information (e.g., nominee's website, publications, CV, achievements in promoting Australasian cognitive neuroscience research and researchers) or attach relevant documents in a single pdf file.

We request that nominations be made confidentially. Only successful nominees will be contacted by the ACNS Executive to invite them to the current year's ACNS Conference to receive the award.

Unsuccessful applications may be resubmitted in future years.

Review Process

Nominations will be reviewed by the ACNS Executive with a focus on the individual's service to the discipline, in the context of their scholarly achievements. The Executive may decide to award more than one award or none in any year.

Nominees are expected to:

1. Show evidence of sustained and extraordinary lifetime commitment to a culture of service and accomplishment in promoting the field of cognitive neuroscience;
2. Have shown support of ACNS activities, for example through membership, attendance at the conference, and/or mentorship to ACNS members;
3. Not be a current elected member of the ACNS Executive.

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**ACNS Lifetime Contribution Award
Application Form**

Name of sponsor: _____

Institution: _____

Phone and email contacts: _____

In order to keep the process confidential, we ask that you do not inform the nominee of your nomination.

Name of nominee: _____

Position: _____

Institution: _____

Phone and email contacts: _____

Please outline how the nominee meets the award criteria (total 500 words). You may refer the panel to relevant links or attached documents.

1. Distinguished research profile

2. Enduring commitment to one or more areas of service, including professional advocacy, mentorship/sponsorship of EMCRs, and national/international linkages.

Supporting Documents:

Please provide links to relevant online information (e.g., nominee's website, publications, CV, achievements in promoting Australasian cognitive neuroscience research and researchers).

Alternatively, you may attach relevant documents in a single pdf file. In this case, please list here the document names in order they are found in the pdf file.