



**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.

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 the 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	Based on years of ANZFSS membership • 1 year = 1 point, etc up to a max of 5 yrs or greater = 5 points
Meetings attended in the previous 2 years.	Based on number of local branch meetings attended in the last two years • 0<9 % attendance = 0 points • 10-24% attendance = 1 points • 25-49% attendance = 2 points • 50-70% attendance = 3 points • 70-90% attendance = 4 points • 90-100% attendance = 5 points ***State Branches are to verify the claims.
Branch Involvement	Based on any past or current Branch involvement including: • Branch Committee membership, Office Bearers (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary) • Presented at Branch meetings • Assisted with Branch activities • Other involvement Rating 1 low involvement to 5 high involvement

**Part A total score out of 15**

**B. Merit of paper or poster**

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

**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.