

Australasian Neuroscience Society (ANS) Student Representative

Position Description

Role

The role of the ANS Student Representative is to represent ANS student members across Australasia to (i) the ANS Council and (ii) to appropriate regional, national and international organisations. Given that the primary objective of the ANS Student Body Committee (SBC) is to provide leadership, coordination, and representation within the ANS for students, especially higher degree by research (HDR) students, studying or conducting research at an Australasian institution. The Student Representative should be active in the following areas:

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Solicit ANS student member suggestions on items, including, but not limited to:
 - HDR research supervision and funding
 - university and research institute environments
 - policies proposed or enacted by governments, universities or ANS
 - other issues judged to be important to Australasian neuroscience students
2. Chair meetings of the SBC and facilitate discussions ensuring all members are afforded equal opportunity to speak.
3. Provide leadership and guidance to SBC members regarding the operation of the committee, regional student and SBC-led conference activities, social media posts, etc.
4. Liaise between the ANS Council and the SBC, update each party about crucial discussion points noted in meeting agendas and solicit input on those matters.
5. Develop and enact policies and strategies which guide the operation of the SBC, increase student engagement and/or support neuroscience research students.
6. Organise the distribution of the student travel awards for the ANS Annual Scientific Meeting. This is to be done by the person in the Chair during the year in which the meeting is held.
7. Coordinate the structure and organisation of student/early-mid career researcher (EMCR) events at the ANS Annual Scientific Meeting in conjunction with the local organising committee, and its EMCR subcommittee.
8. Remind ANS members, particularly students, of deadlines for registration and submission of abstracts for the Annual Scientific Meeting.
9. Request and justify the expenditure of funds provided by the ANS for the support of neuroscience-related events.

ANS Council membership

1. Attend ANS Council meetings, the ANS Annual Scientific Meeting and the Annual General meeting (or arrange a substitute if unable to attend) and convey student members' concerns and contribute to general debate.
2. Provide timely reports to ANS Council on student activities.
3. Occasionally attend functions targeting students as a representative of the ANS.