

The Paxinos-Watson Award will recognise the most significant neuroscience paper published during the previous year* by any Member of the Society.

Conditions

- Any Member of ANS may nominate one of their papers in the field of neuroscience; other authors may be Members or non-Members of the Society.
- *The application must refer to a peer-reviewed publication with an electronic or hard publication date (whichever is the earliest) in the year previous to the current one as indicated on the published manuscript. This includes “Advance publication” or “Publication ahead of print” dates. If there is any uncertainty over the publication date, a paper may only be considered for this award in one year. Dates of submission of manuscripts to pre-print servers are not considered.
- Each Member may nominate only one paper per year, but may be a co-author on a paper nominated by another Member.
- The research in the paper must have been substantially undertaken within Australia or New Zealand.
- The judges will rank the nominated papers on the basis of their scientific significance mindful of the recommendations of the **Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)** at <https://sfedora.org/read/>

Application procedure

- Applicants must be Members of ANS.
- The application must consist of:
 - A PDF copy of the paper
 - A brief explanation of the significance of the paper of maximum 500 words.
 - The application *may* be supported by two other members of ANS. Each member can, if desired, provide a brief statement of support of 200 words or less.

Please note: In accordance with DORA guidelines, do not use journal-based metrics, such as impact factor, as a surrogate measure of the quality of an individual article. The scientific content of the paper is a much more important indicator than the identity or impact factor of the journal in which it was published. The number of citations or downloads of a paper may be more representative of a paper's importance but will vary with the audience size, i.e. the number of researchers in any particular neuroscience subdiscipline.

Assessment:

Note: The winner of the Paxinos-Watson Award is decided by the ANS Council. The ranking information provided by assessors below will be used by an assessment committee, together with any other relevant information, to formulate a recommendation to the Council.

Please rank the papers on the significance of their contribution to neuroscience by entering numbers in the table below in the column under your name. Highest rank = 1, lowest rank = <Insert No.>. You must rank all the papers, even if you find some to be ineligible, and you cannot give an identical rank to multiple papers.

The eligible paper with the lowest total score will receive the award.

In your ranking consider:

- The recommendations of the **Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)** available at <https://sfdora.org/read/> In particular:
 “...the need to assess research on its own merits rather than on the basis of the journal in which the research is published; and ...
 “Do not use journal-based metrics, such as Journal Impact Factors, as a surrogate measure of the quality of individual research articles, to assess an individual scientist’s contributions, or in hiring, promotion, or funding decisions.”
- The research in the paper must have been substantially undertaken within Australia or New Zealand.

Please sign and date your completed assessment, scan it as a PDF, and then email the assessment to the ANS Secretary.

Please notify the ANS Secretary if you believe a candidate is ineligible or you discover a conflict of interest.

Assessor →										Totals
Candidate ↓										

I declare that I have no conflicts of interest in this assessment process and that the ranking shown above was performed by me.

Signature: _____ Date: _____