

May 2026

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to a quick update from our ANZACA team.

As the IFAA 2026 Congress – *Anatomy for Everyone* – inches ever closer, we would love to see as many ANZACA members there as possible. If you aren't already, please do consider coming along, as late-breaking abstract submissions are open until the end of June. This promises to be an exciting event and we are pleased to offer some more travel support to members who have not already registered for IFAA 2026.



We also have an exciting opportunity to nominate an emerging young researcher to represent ANZACA at the 22nd APICA conference in Japan next year. And ... it is time to renew your ANZACA membership for 2026–2027.

Some of you may have already seen the abstracts from the 22nd Annual Meeting of ANZACA – *Anatomy in Action* – that were recently published in Anatomical Sciences Education. But if not, please follow this [link](#).

Ngā mihi,
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IFAA 2026 – TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR ANZACA MEMBERS



Travel support

We are pleased to offer another **10 travel awards, valued at \$500 each**, to support any ANZACA members and postgraduate students **who have not already registered**, to attend IFAA 2026. The travel fellowship can be used to help cover travel expenses, accommodation costs, and/or the Congress registration fee. No reimbursement will be provided for items such as food or beverages.

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible, the applicant of the travel fellowship must:

- Be a current ANZACA member or a higher degree research student/candidate, enrolled in a postgraduate course (e.g., PhD, Masters, Honours), currently undertaking anatomical research at an university or institute.
- Hold current financial standard or student ANZACA membership.
- Full members must have been an ANZACA member for at least 12 months. In the case of student members, one of their supervisors needs to have been an ANZACA member for at least

12 months.

- Responsibility for the selection of recipients of the Travel Fellowships, the determination of the amount, and the conditions of the award lies with the ANZACA Council members.
- The Travel Fellowship recipient must ensure that the ANZACA's support is acknowledged in any presentation, report or publication. Wherever possible the ANZACA logo should be included with the acknowledgement of ANZACA funding.
- The recipient is expected to submit a brief report or provide a photograph that can be published in an ANZACA newsletter and/or post about your IFAA2026 experience on one of ANZACA's social media platforms (e.g., [LinkedIn](#), Facebook).

To Apply

Complete the Application Form, which requests the following information:

- Personal details
- Details of funding requested
- Abstract(s) of your proposed conference presentation(s)

Submit your [Application Form](#) by Friday 15 May, 2026, 5pm AEDT.

Following notification of abstract acceptance from the IFAA 2026 Congress Organisers, your application will be considered by the members of the ANZACA Council. You will subsequently be informed via email if your application was successful or not.

Thank you to the team working behind the scenes to help organise the IFAA 2026 Congress. A reminder of some key information below.

Late breaking poster abstracts

There is still time to submit an abstract! [Late breaking poster abstract submissions](#) are open until Tuesday 30 June.



Meet our invited speakers

We are delighted to announce an exciting line-up of internationally recognised keynote speakers, with more information to follow soon:

- Anatomical Sciences Education: Dr Sue Mayes, Melbourne, Australia
- Surgical and Clinical Anatomy: Professor Murat Bozhurt, Ankara, Türkiye
- Imaging Anatomy: Associate Professor Samantha Holdsworth, Auckland, New Zealand
- Neuroscience and Cell Biology: Professor Jonathan Kipnis, St Louis, USA
- Neuroscience and Cell Biology: Professor Guang Wang, China
- Ethics, Law and Medical Humanities: Professor Marcia Langton, Melbourne, Australia
- Anatomy for Everyone: Dr Luca Fiorenza, Melbourne, Australia

Sponsorship

Any contacts would be gratefully appreciated – details can be passed on to the local organising committee please.

12th Asia Pacific International Congress of Anatomists (APICA), Japan, 2027

The 22nd APICA conference will be hosted by the Japanese Association of Anatomists (JAA) on 17–19 March 2027, at Okayama University, Okayama, Japan. The JAA has asked for nominations for a promising young researcher from ANZACA, who will be featured as one of the “APICA Rising Stars” throughout the meeting, and will present their work at the conference. The JAA is generously offering partial travel support to the successful ANZACA member.

We are seeking **expressions of interest** for this opportunity from ANZACA members who have received their PhD within the last 7 years. Please send (i) your CV, and (ii) a half-page statement outlining why you consider you should be the ANZACA young researcher representative at the APICA conference. **Email your expression of interest to Aaron McDonald (secretary@anzaca.org) by Friday 15 May, 2026, 5pm AEDT.** A subcommittee will consider the applications and inform the successful candidate in due course.

More information will follow soon about travel fellowships to help support ANZACA members interested in attending and presenting at APICA 2027.

ANZACA Membership Fees

Membership renewals for 2026–2027 are due by Tuesday 30 June 😊

Please renew your membership now at: <https://anzaca.org/membership/>

- Australia: Full membership \$75, student membership \$35
- New Zealand: Full membership \$80, student membership \$40

Save the date – ANZACA AGM, 2026

The ANZACA AGM will be held online, on Wednesday 9 December, 2026, 11.00am–1.00pm AEDT. Prior to this we will hold a one hour webinar – suggestions of speakers are most welcome. Please pass on any ideas to Aaron McDonald (secretary@anzaca.org)