Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences Research Fellowship

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The objects of the Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS, hereafter the Academy) include the establishment and maintenance of an **Education and Research Fund**, which in turn supports the broader objects of the Academy, which are to:

- encourage the study, improve the practice and advance the knowledge of the forensic sciences, and,
- generally do all things as may calculated to widen, improve and develop the education and knowledge both of those actively concerned in the pursuit of the forensic sciences, and of the public.

The Academy offers a RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP of up to $15,000 on a biannual basis. Applications are now invited for this prestigious fellowship, for projects and/or activities that will contribute to the broader aims of the Academy.

Relevant projects or activities may include direct support for specific research resulting in a publication, contributing to support for travel and other costs associated with a defined research project (but underline not solely attendance at a conference or symposium), or support for education or scholarship. The Academy takes a non-prescriptive approach to what are relevant activities, however applicants must clearly demonstrate how their proposal will achieve the objects of the Academy.

Preference may be given to proposals that are not eligible for funding by the Australian Research Council (ARC) and the National Health and Medical Research Council (NH&MRC). Preference may also be given to early to mid-career applicants.

The successful applicant must undertake the activity for which support is sought between December 1 2018 to December 31, 2019. It is not necessary for any publication or equivalent output to be published by this date. It is, however, a condition of the award that the successful applicant submit a manuscript for publication in the *Aust Journal of Forensic Sciences*.[1]

Applications must be submitted on the appropriate form which can be downloaded from the Academy website (www.forensicacademy.org). The closing date for applications will be **15 October 2018**. All applications will be assessed by the R&D Subcommittee of the Academy Council. Funding would ordinarily be available from 1 December 2018 and may be released in instalments.

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[1] Submissions will be subject to the usual peer review process for the Journal.