

Expression of Interest for Conference Program Committee Co-Chair

ESSA is now seeking expressions of interest for the following position:

- *Activate Conference Program Committee Co-Chair*

Exercise & Sports Science Australia (ESSA) is the nation's leading voice on exercise and sports science. We govern and represents over 10,000 degree-qualified professionals who support Australians to reach their health and performance goals.

ESSA Vision

An Australia where exercise and sports science is recognised as vital to health and performance.

ESSA Purpose

To represent and advance the exercise and sports science profession, driving excellence and community recognition.

Conference Program Committee Purpose

The ESSA Conference Program Committee ('Committee') has been established to provide direction in relation to the development of ESSA's biennial conference program.

Required Skills and Experience

Skills, knowledge, experience, and capabilities required for this role are:

- Recognised leadership within the exercise and sports science profession
- Previous experience presenting at or contributing to conferences
- Experience chairing committees, working groups or advisory groups
- Strategic thinking
- Strong communication skills
- Collaborative approach with established industry network
- Professional credibility
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Commitment to quality education
- Identify one or more of the below areas as a special interest area:
 - Biomechanics
 - Cardiometabolic
 - Chronic Pain
 - Falls Prevention
 - Health Services
 - Mental Health
 - Metabolic (Diabetes or Overweight/Obesity/GLP-1)
 - Musculoskeletal
 - Neurological
 - Skill Acquisition and/or Technology
 - Strength & Conditioning
- Current ESSA membership and accreditation
- Hold one of the following:

- minimum of Level D academic title and/or
- completed a PhD study and/or
- strong practitioner background with a proven ability to translate research into practice

Desirable Attributes

Skills and attributes that are desirable but not essential to the role are:

- Previous experience serving on the Activate Program Committee
- Experience developing conference or education programs
- Knowledge of contemporary trends in adult learning and conference design

Conflicts of Interest

Committee members are expected to avoid any action, position, or interest that conflicts with the best interests of ESSA or gives the appearance of a conflict. ESSA has a written Disclosure of Interests Policy setting out ESSA's expectations regarding the disclosure and management of actual or potential conflicts of interest.

Entitlements

Entitlements in relation to conference attendance will be provided as detailed in the Conference Operational Guidelines.

Applications

Applicants who would like to be considered for the position are invited to apply and submit the following:

- Cover Letter (maximum 2 pages): Please submit a cover letter addressing the essential and desirable attributes outlined in the [position description](#). In your cover letter, please indicate which category best reflects your professional background:
 - Practitioner
 - Academic
 - Researcher
 - Other (please specify)
- Current CV

Applicants who have previously served on the Conference Program Committee are at liberty to submit to re-sit.

Please submit applications to Ashlee Deane, Events Manager, at conference@essa.org.au

- Applications must be received by *Monday, 19 October 2026*.
- Applicants will be notified by *Monday, 2 November 2026* of the outcome of their application.

Exercise & Sports Science Australia values diversity, inclusion, and flexibility and encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members, members from other under-represented groups, and individuals of all backgrounds to apply.

