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AAUT Awards Team Director

Dear Colleagues,

Please be reassured that 2021 AAUT round of awards will continue as planned, despite the lack of ongoing support in the recent Federal Budget. Like the Chief Executive of Universities Australia (UA) and senior Board members, I too was blindsided by this decision.

As [reported in The Australian on the 19th May](#), DVCA Committee Chairman is committed to finding a way of continuing these awards. It is my view that the lack of support by the Australian government gives the perception that it doesn't really value excellent teaching, the quality of education we give our students, or innovations in the higher education landscape. While I am hopeful that continued funding will be sourced, I encourage anyone who has been thinking of applying for these awards not to put it off any longer and to make the time to do so this year.

Recently while reviewing the AAUT Teacher of the Year profiles, we noticed that of the last 26 winners, only 7 have been women. I was the first female recipient of the award in 1998, and since then only 6 others have been recognised, compared to 19 male award recipients (not considering the two mixed gender teams that won the award). This ratio of male to female appears at odds with the ratio of teaching academics in most university departments. This may indicate some systemic biases in the nomination process or may be related to inherent gender socialisation issues. Research certainly shows that females are less likely to self-promote than males.

For example, one female academic recipient reported that she always thought she was too busy to apply, and it took a personal conversation inviting her to apply from the Director of Learning and Teaching to convince her of the benefits of her program. She is now very grateful for that personal approach and knows that the award was a springboard for her future research and career in higher education.

I personally encourage female academics to apply, as well as encourage Deans, Heads of Learning and Teaching, Discipline Leaders and others to personally invite your best teaching academics to apply. I was a Level A Academic when I applied and was successful, so please do not assume that the award only goes to those of higher rankings. Note that there is a category for sessional academics too.

The UA sponsored 1997-2021 Teacher of the Year Booklet will be released early next year to capture the 2021 recipient.

Professor Angela Carbone
AAUT Awards Team Director



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about the AAUT awards*

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*Note: Awards Team is currently
working from home, please
email us and we'll get back to
you.*

2021 Timeline



Key Dates

Monday 16 to Friday 27 August: Registration of nominee's details

Monday 6 to Friday 17 September: Upload submission online

Click [here](#) for the 2021 AAUT Key dates.

AAUT UPDATE

AAUT Briefing Sessions

These sessions provide valuable information and sharing of insights from previous award recipients as well as from those who assess the awards. We encourage all nominees applying to attend these session briefings that are a best fit for their own application, regardless of discipline. They are a unique source of information and will help applicants craft a concise and focused submission. The meeting details will be sent to ICOs for dissemination to any potential applicants in their institution. Click on the image for briefing sessions information and use it as promotional material in your institution.

2021 AAUT BRIEFING SESSIONS

DATE / TIME (AEST)	TOPIC	SPEAKER/S
1 Thursday 13 May 11:30am to 12pm	Introduction to Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education	Prof. Angela Carbono (AAUT Awards Director)
2 Thursday 27 May 1:30pm to 1:45pm	Institutional Contact Officers (ICOs) Briefing Session	Prof. Angela Carbono (AAUT Awards Director) Ms. Angeline Smith (AAUT Awards Manager) Ms. Anna Smith (ICO, Flinders University)
3 Thursday 3 June 11:30am to 12:30pm	Applying for an Early Career Teaching Award	Dr. Daniela Vitellaro (2019 recipient, UWA) A/Prof. Christian Moon (2018 recipient, Bond University)
4 Thursday 10 June 12:30pm to 12:35pm	Creating winning AAUT applications	Prof. Shelley Kinosh (Director, Advancement of UAT, USQ)
5 Thursday 17 June 11:30am to 12:30pm	Meet the 2018 to 2020 Australian University Teacher of the Year recipients	A/Prof. Jack Wang (2020 recipient, UQ) Prof. Renee McSweeney, Prof. Barbara Meeder and Prof. Mark Curran (2019 recipients, UQ) A/Prof. Kevin Larkin (2018 recipient, Griffith University)
6 Thursday 8 July 11:30am to 12:30pm	Applying for a Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education	Prof. Mark Boas (DVC Indigenous, Deakin Uni) Prof. Susan Page (2018 recipient, UTS)

AAUT Briefing Session Recordings

Neville Bonner Award FAQ

Below are some clarification on the Neville Bonner Award:

- All individual or team nominations are open for Indigenous teaching staff only.
- For team nomination, all members must be Indigenous teaching staff.
- The three nominations by DVCAs/PVCIs will count towards the existing allocated number of submissions (max 6 for Citation & max 3 for Teaching awards) if the nominees decided to proceed with their applications.
- Full application to be submitted by Friday 27 September 2021.

Introduce Awards Committee Chairs

We are indebted to the commitment and dedication of our Award Committee Chairs. These senior academic leaders in teaching and learning provide their time and expertise to support the recognition of teaching excellence in our universities. This year our committee chairs are Professor Philippa Levy (Citations), Professor David Sadler (Program Awards) and Professor Pip Pattison (Teaching Awards).



Professor Philippa Levy
The University of Adelaide



Professor David Sadler
The University of Western Australia



Professor Pip Pattison AO
The University of Sydney

2021 Promotional Resources

AAUT Video Series - New!

One of the recommendations from assessors each year is for nominees to seek information from past recipients to improve their own application. We have interviewed past recipients and captured their advice. You can hear from the past Early Career and Neville Bonner award recipients at these links.

- [2018 Early Career Teaching Award Recipient - Associate Professor Christian Moro](#) Read the [Transcript](#)
- [2019 Early Career Teaching Award Recipient - Dr Demelze Ireland](#) Read the [Transcript](#)
- [2018 Neville Bonner Award Recipient - Professor Susan page](#) Read the [Transcript](#)

AAUT Video Series

2020 AAUT Awards Ceremony Booklet - New!



2020 AAUT Awards Ceremony booklet is now available [online](#).

Assessor Recruitment

Each of our Award Committee Chairs are supported by a team of assessors drawn from experienced teaching and learning academics with a strong track record in innovation, creativity and leadership, as well as from previous award winners.

We are seeking recommendations from all Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Academic (or equivalent) for suitably experienced assessors. We will also be contacting past AAUT assessors to determine their availability for this year's round of awards.

If you are interested in being involved as an assessor, please contact your DVCA. There are benefits of being a national Teaching Award assessor, for example, it exposes you to a network of like-minded colleagues across a range of Australian institutions. Secondly, it can be seen as a Professional Development opportunity because you will get a birds-eye view of our brightest and best academics and programs. This allows you to bring the knowledge gained back into your own institution. It is also an opportunity for you to contribute to the sector – to 'give back' and help improve the quality and status of teaching and learning in higher education.

State-Based Ceremony Update

Date	State	Host by	Venue/Award Event
16 March 2021	WA	Murdoch University <i>(For 2020 recipients)</i> WA Ceremony photo link	Fraser Restaurant, Kings park
3 June 2021	SA/NT	SANTPEN <i>(Joint ceremony for 2019 and 2020 recipients)</i>	University of South Australia
7 June 2021	QLD	The University of Queensland <i>(Joint ceremony for 2019 and 2020 recipients)</i>	Brisbane Customs House
17 June 2021	NSW/ACT	Australian Catholic University <i>(Joint ceremony for 2019 and 2020 recipients)</i>	Virtual Event
TBC	VIC/TAS	Swinburne University of Technology <i>(Joint ceremony for 2019 and 2020 recipients)</i>	TBC

Note: These events are by invitation ONLY. More details to come.

AAUT RESOURCES

Promotional Resources

We encourage institutions to use the AAUT promotional resources to promote the awards internally.

- AAUT Brochures
 - [AAUT Overview](#)
 - [Citations Categories](#)
 - [Program Awards Categories](#)
 - [Teaching Awards Categories](#)
 - [2021 AAUT Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education](#)
 - [2021 AAUT Early Career](#)
- [2020 AAUT Video Series](#)
- [2020 UA Recipients Announcement video](#)
- [2020 AAUT Recipients List](#)
- [1997-2018 Teachers of the year booklet](#)

Click on the images for details



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Learning and Teaching Repository



Micro Credentials Spotlight

AWARD APPLICATION

Apply for more opportunities from the 2021 selection and awards committee or writing a successful award.

- Preparation**
 - Apply for an award: Identify a good teaching practice that aligns with the award criteria and evidence of your success in this area. Consider how you will demonstrate your success in this area.
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[Good forms of evidence examples](#)

[Tips to writing a successful application](#)



MENTORS

There are currently 6 mentors in the AAUTN Mentor Scheme. You can contact your mentor via email or phone.

	<p>Professor Matt Bower</p> <p>Awarded Year: 2019 Award: Teaching Excellence University: The University of Queensland Current Position: Associate Professor of Education Department: Education Email: matt.bower@uq.edu.au Office Phone: 07 550 2111</p>
	<p>Associate Professor Michael Cowling</p> <p>Awarded Year: 2018 Award: Teaching Excellence University: The University of Queensland Current Position: Associate Professor of Information & Communication Technology Department: Information & Communication Technology Email: michael.cowling@uq.edu.au Office Phone: 07 550 2111</p>
	<p>Associate Professor Jack T.H. Wong</p> <p>Awarded Year: 2019 Award: Teaching Excellence University: The University of Queensland Current Position: Associate Professor of Chemistry and Education Department: Chemistry Email: jack.wong@uq.edu.au Office Phone: 07 550 2111</p>
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AAUTN Mentor Scheme

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