

2021 AAUT: AWARDS FOR PROGRAMS THAT ENHANCE LEARNING (PROGRAM AWARDS)

Awards for Programs that Enhance Learning recognise learning and teaching programs and services that make innovative and outstanding contributions to student learning outcomes and the quality of the student experience. They are awarded to programs and services that have set high standards for learning and teaching activities in Australian higher education institutions. Program award is open to team nominations only.

Eligible institutions can submit a maximum of two team submissions across all categories.

KEY DATES

- **Friday 30 April 2021:** Release Nomination Information Pack
- **Monday 16 to Friday 27 August 2021:** Registration of nominee's details
- **Monday 6 to Friday 17 September 2021:** Upload submission online

PROGRAM AWARDS CATEGORIES

In 2021, up to four awards for programs that enhance learning will be granted across the categories below:

1. Student experience that supports diversity and inclusive practices.

This category encompasses:

- Services directly related to student learning for specific groups of students, that promote participation, information access, course advising, language support, counselling and/or disability support.
- Learning engagement activities and learning and teaching services that support diversity and inclusive practices, such as those to sustain and retain students. It encourages personal development and those that improve the quality of the first-year student experience.

2. Collaborative educational partnerships in learning and teaching.

This category encompasses:

- Internal partnerships related to teaching quality and student learning, e.g., between schools/faculties and central services
- External partnerships between universities, and/or organisations – such as school private higher education providers, registered training organisations, professional bodies, businesses and industries, governments and NFPs in collaborative approach to learning and teaching.

3. Curriculum transformation and innovative pedagogy.

This category encompasses:

- Curriculum design and approaches to learning and teaching that afford flexibility in time, place and/or mode of learning such as micro credentials, stackable curriculum, flexible curriculum, online learning that enhance student learning outcomes.
- Curriculum that encourages novel approaches to learning and teaching with aligned assessment that encourages and support multi-disciplinary, research-based learning and teaching approaches, and utilise the potential of new or emerging technologies, remotely, synchronously or asynchronously.
- Innovation in curriculum to be considered as a form of evidence.

4. Work Integrated Learning (WIL) programs that value and enhance student employability.

This category encompasses:

- Experiential learning to work integrated learning (WIL) programs and other WIL related activities that focus on valuing and enhancing student's employability.
- It includes internship programs, work placement coursework, industry practice experience, international industry placement, industry consulting project and other learning and teaching programs.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Each nominee is required to prepare a submission consisting of a written statement and relevant supporting documents. Once completed, the Institutional Contact Officer (ICO) is responsible for the online submission of all nominations for their institution. ICOs are a good point of contact if you are interested in applying for an award. Details of your ICO can be found [here](#).

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