

AUSTRALIAN AWARDS
FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING

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Dear Colleagues

It's October already and as we approach the heart of Spring, Melburnians are feeling grateful to see a decrease in the number of active COVID-19 cases. Given this trend, we have seen some easing lockdown restrictions in Victoria.

In this newsletter I am pleased to announce that from the promising 267 assessors' expressions of interest reported in the last newsletter, we have received 170 submissions from 39 institutions at the close of the nomination phase on 25 September 2020. The final count represents a drop of 7.6% submissions from last year.

We have also been fortunate to recruit 165 assessors who are volunteering their time to review the submissions. This year, we are holding two zoom briefing sessions with the assessors: the first on 2 Oct to outline the assessment process, and provide some assessment tips following the assessment matrix criteria; and a second briefing session, on 8 Oct to explain how to use the awards portal for assessment. The assessment phase will take place in the next three months.

As per previous years, we aim to continually improve the AAUT process, and act on the feedback gathered from all our stakeholders. The ICO evaluation survey is now open so we encourage our ICOs to complete the evaluation survey and provide their valuable feedback.

Finally, I wish to share with you the news that I will be leaving Swinburne University of Technology after almost three years to take up a new and exciting executive leadership role as Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching), College of Science, Engineering and Health, at RMIT University commencing in January 2021. The AAUT awards team will join me, and we will keep you posted with further developments.

Regards
-Angela

Professor Angela Carbone

AAUT Awards Team Director

For regular updates about the AAUT awards

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



Timeline & Key Dates



Click [here](#) for the 2020 AAUT Key dates.



AAUT UPDATE

Nomination Update

Thank-you to all the ICOs who had submitted their nominees. This year, there is a total 170 submissions received from 39 institutions.

Awards	Nominees Registration	Submissions Upload
Citations	135	127
Program Awards	18	14
Teaching Awards	32	29
Total	185	170

Assessors Update

We are pleased to have 165 assessors participated in this year AAUT assessment. Your contribution is invaluable in upholding and promoting excellence in teaching and learning across the higher education sector.

Assessment Process Outline

Step 1: Individual Assessment

Each assessor will review the assigned nominations.

Step 2: Review of Team's Assessment

Each assessor will review assessments made by their team members.

Step 3: Collaborative Assessment

Assessors will meet via Zoom to agree on final ratings and feedback.

Step 4: Awards Committees Endorsement

The Awards Committees will be responsible for confirming and endorsing the ratings.

Step 5: Universities Australia (UA) Board

UA Boards of Directors will sign-off by the final recipients list.

ICO Evaluation Survey

We would like to get your feedback on this year AAUT awards process and would appreciate you taking the time to complete a survey

by **Friday 23th October 2020**. The 2020 AAUT ICO Evaluation survey link is sent to all ICOs. Please contact the Awards Team if you, as ICO, have not received it.

Welcome to 2020 Australian Awards for University Teaching (AAUT) Evaluation Institutional Contact Officer (ICO)

This survey will take approximately 15 mins to complete.

AAUT Resources

AAUTY Video Series



Watch 2019 AAUTY: [The Psychology of Criminal Justice's video](#)
[Transcript](#)

Read [team profile](#) here

Click [here](#) to watch Professor Blake McKimmie's interview at this year UA Conference dinner.



Watch 2018 AAUTY: [Kevin's video](#)
[Transcript](#)

Read [Kevin's profile](#) here



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AAUT-UA website

For all AAUT related information.

Institutional Contact Officer (ICO)

See [here](#) for the updated ICO list.



Learning and Teaching Repository

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