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FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING

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AAUT Awards Team Director

Dear Colleagues,

We are sending this newsletter earlier as the awards team is supporting the RMIT **'Take a break initiative – supporting our people's wellbeing with additional leave'** and the university-wide slowdown between 30 August to 3 September. The awards team is taking time off that week. Do keep your emails coming and we will respond when we return to work on Monday 6 September.

We have taken into consideration the impact of current lockdown situation across several states and have extended the submission closing date to **Friday 24 September (from 17 September)**. We understand the stresses of lockdown associated with working from home, managing home schooling, teaching remotely, and encourage you to take advantage of this extra time to refine your submission before the closing date.

I would like to introduce the 2021 Career Achievement Award Chair, [Professor Sally Kift](#). Professor Kift was the recipient of this award in 2017 and is president of the ALTF Fellows. She will be supported in this role by Mr Mike Teece, Universities Australia's Academic Policy Director and myself. I encourage Vice Chancellors to start serious consideration of potential nominees for this award, noting that it is a lifetime award in recognition of an academic who has provided an enduring legacy to learning and teaching in higher education.

Starting from this newsletter, we will be acknowledging the different groups of stakeholders who have supported us since 2018 on our AAUT journey. This month I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the chair of the Citation Awards Committee, Professor Denise Kirkpatrick, the chair of the Program Awards Committee Professor Kerri-Lee Krause, and the chair of the Teaching Awards Committee Professor Shirley Alexander. Each of these professors gave up their time for the full three years to lead a team of fellow academics in assessing nominations. We could not have operated so effectively without their support, and that of their Deputy Chairs and members of each of these committees. The full list is provided



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

A couple of important reminders:

1. Submission upload opens on **Monday 6 September and extended closing date Friday 24 September.**
2. The VIC/TAS Awards ceremony will be held (virtually) later today, **Friday 27 August, 4pm AEST.** You can still [register for the virtual event](#).

Stay safe, and I look forward to receiving your 2021 submissions.

Professor Angela Carbone
AAUT Awards Team Director

TIMELINE & KEYDATES

2021 Timeline



Key Dates

Monday 16 to Friday 27 August: Registration of nominee's details
Monday 6 to Friday 24 September: Upload submission online (Extended)
Click [here](#) for the 2021 AAUT Key dates.

AAUT UPDATE

Nomination Phase 2 closing date extended

On Monday 6th September, 8.00am AEST the Awards Portal is open for Institution Contact Officer (ICO) to upload submissions and photos.

The closing date is now extended to **Friday 24 September.**

***Please note** there is no technical support during the extension period of Monday 20 to Friday 24 September. Contact the awards team if you have any questions. We encourage you to upload the submissions and photos as early as possible noting that technical support is available from 6 to 17 September.

[ICOs List](#)

Assessor Recruitment Update

Thank you to the 207 potential assessors from 39 institutions, who have completed the expression of interest in becoming an AAUT assessor. The allocation of assessors will be reliant on the number of nominations we

Career Achievement Award

2021 CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Since 2020, Universities Australia has reinstated the Career Achievement Award. This award, introduced in 2007 in recognition of individuals or teams who have:

- Made an outstanding contribution to learning and teaching
- Been recognised for the impact they have had on the higher education sector
- Achievements of major influence and of an enduring legacy
- Set a higher standard of quality for all staff in their sector

PAST CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 2020: Professor Tracy Bentley (Chair)
- 2019: Professor Sally Kift
- 2018: Professor Mike Teece (Chair)
- 2017: Professor Sally Kift

PROFESSOR TRACY BENTLEY

Professor Tracy Bentley has been instrumental in academic integrity in the correction of ethical academic practice. She was a leader in the field of academic integrity research. She was Director for Student and Teaching with a long record of more than 500,000. Tracy's 2016 award apply in context sharing with Australian universities to the highest quality in the state of academic and teaching staff.

Tracy's research into academic integrity and teaching and learning and learning, certification ethics and research integrity. Tracy was an Honorary Fellow for the 2015 and 2016. Tracy was the former Chair of the Handbook of Academic Integrity (2018). For more information contact the Chair of the USA Business School where she received a number of awards for her teaching. Tracy (2015). Tracy was an Honorary Fellow for Career Council SA, which she launched with her trademark energy and enthusiasm. Tracy passed away in October 2020.

APPLY BY 15 OCTOBER 2021

Your Chair will be contacted and invited to host the 2021 AACT Career Achievement Award Nominations. Form available by Friday 29 October 2021.

TIMELINE

Sept to Oct: Preparation
1 to 19 Nov: Online Nomination
Dec 2021: Assessment Period
Jan/Feb 2022: Notification of Outcome
Feb 2022: Awards Announcement

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Since 2020, Universities Australia has reinstated the Career Achievement Award. This award is occasionally awarded to one or more individuals who have:

- Made an outstanding contribution to learning and teaching
- Had a major influence and left an enduring legacy
- Been recognised throughout the higher education sector.

We encourage Vice Chancellors to start thinking of a potential candidate from their institution. More details to come.

Introduce Career Achievement Award Committee

Here, we would like to welcome the recipient of the 2017 Career Achievement Award [Professor Sally Kift](#) as the Chair of this committee. Professor Kift has been involved in the Program Awards Committee from 2018 to 2020, and is the President, [Australian Learning & Teaching Fellows \(ALTF\)](#).

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD COMMITTEE



Professor Sally Kift
(Chair)



Professor Angela Carbone
AAUT Director



Mr Mike Teece
Universities Australia
Academic Policy Director

Acknowledgement 2018 to 2020 Awards Committee

We thank all the Awards Committee (below) who generously volunteered their time out of their busy schedules to share their expertise and knowledge. The AAUT awards are indebted to the collegial nature of these academics.



Professor Denise Kirkpatrick
Western Sydney University
(Chair: 2018 to 2020)



Professor Philippa Levy
The University of Adelaide
(Deputy Chair: 2018 to 2020)



Professor Jessica Vandrielie
La Trobe University
(2019 and 2020)



Professor Geoffrey Crisp
University of Canberra
(2020)



Professor Debra Hanly
Griffith University
(2019)



Professor John Germov
Charles Sturt University
(2019)



Professor Richard James
The University of Melbourne
(2018)



Professor Romy Lawson
Murdoch University
(2018)



Professor James Arvanitakis
Western Sydney University
(2018)

PROGRAM AWARDS COMMITTEE



Professor Kerri-Lee Krause
The University of Melbourne
(Chair: 2018 to 2020)



Professor David Sadler
The University of Western Australia
(Deputy Chair: 2018 to 2020)



Professor Sally Kift
Queensland University of Technology
(2018 to 2020)



Ms Siobhan Lenihan
Deakin University
(2018 to 2020)



Professor Robert Fitzgerald
Charles Darwin University
(2020)



Professor Ian Solomonides
Victoria University
(2019)

TEACHING AWARDS COMMITTEE



Professor Shirley Alexander
University of Technology Sydney
(Chair: 2018 to 2020)



Professor Pip Pattison
The University of Sydney
(Deputy Chair: 2019 and 2020)



Professor Syed Mahfuz Aziz
University of South Australia
(2018 to 2020)



Professor Liz Johnson
Deakin University
(2019 and 2020)



A/Professor Kevin Larkin
Griffith University
(2019 and 2020)



Professor Mark Rose
Deakin University
(2018)



Emeritus Professor Denise Chalmers
Formerly The University of Western Australia
(2018)

AAUT RESOURCES



- Promotional resources, like brochures, video series
- Nominees resources, like [Tips to writing a successful application](#), [Good forms of evidence examples](#), [Creating Winning Applications – Presentation Slides](#), [Creating Winning Applications – Checklist Handouts](#)
- Past newsletters.

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Learning and Teaching Repository

Spotlight

Microcredentials

May 2021

This Spotlight highlights key publications on the topic of microcredentials, in the light of increased activity and Australian Government policy initiatives. It provides an overview of the issue and refers to conversations, with links to deeper reading.

From the Learning & Teaching Repository

Higher education students in a digitalised learning environment

Cherise Eves
This report outlines practices and possible future developments for Australia in designating higher education. Based on national consultation, it identifies the challenges they pose to traditional approaches to quality assurance.

CC-licensed final report of a 14-month research project

Crash-course
This central project prompted a focus on the effectiveness and potential pitfalls of microcredential, extending across the sector nationally and globally to the most efficient methods to support courses and students.

Case studies of microcredentials: Evidence for practice and the potential of digital credentials

Analysis of 17 cases studies against 5 criteria for successful credentials that:

1. demonstrate achievement of specific outcomes and standards
2. are based on judgement of high evidence content in response to authentic experiences
3. track learner progress at regular intervals
4. feature transparent pricing provided by the learner with benefits realised
5. are sustainable

Microcredentials: A look for students, employers and educators

A report for the Higher Education Learning Hub series is now available as a synthesis of research findings that is intended as a practical guide to the development of microcredentials as a component of a wider range of learning and teaching practices.

It also highlights the potential role for IMSC's [International Guidelines on Microcredentials](#) in the development of microcredentials for higher education. [www.imsc.edu.au](#)

IMSC

INTERNATIONAL MICROCREDENTIALS SOCIETY

Micro Credentials Spotlight



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Award Type: Teaching Award
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Associate Professor Michael Cowling

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Award Type: Teaching Award
University: QUT University Australia
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Discipline: Physical Sciences (specifically Computer Science)
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Associate Professor Jack T.H. Wang

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Award Type: Teaching Award
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