



AUSTRALIAN AWARDS  
FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING

## NEWSLETTER

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### AAUT Awards Team Director

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the October newsletter. To those of us in Victoria and NSW this month brings more freedoms. I encourage all to follow the advice of our Senior Health Officers as we navigate coming out of the different stages of lockdown.

This month I would like to acknowledge the contributions of [the Institutional Contact Officers \(ICOs\)](#) who have been the central point of contact for the awards team and nominees in their institutions. They disseminate information to nominees as well as manage the uploading process. I would also like to acknowledge all ICOs who have held this role from 2018 to present. We appreciate their professionalism and commitment to their role. We welcome their feedback on the 2021 AAUT awards process through the evaluation link sent to all the ICOs and closes mid October. Thank-you!

The nomination period is now closed for Citations, Teaching and Program awards. Assessors will be evaluating submissions this month, and then collaborating in teams to finalise recommendations next month. We are thrilled with the number of submissions received, 184 in total as well as 10 Citation and 2 Teaching Excellence submissions for the Neville Bonner Award. Thank you to everyone for their support.

All shortlisted assessors will receive an invitation to a briefing session delivered by Professor Shirley Alexander, the 2018 to 2020 Chair of the Teaching Awards Committee, scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> October. The session will be recorded for those who cannot make the date or time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the awards team at any time for advice or clarification of the process.

I also encourage Vice-Chancellors to consider and prepare their recommendations for the Career Teaching Award. This award recognises outstanding and influential academics who have more than 25 years' service. The online nomination portal will be open for submissions in November. The process for this nomination is detailed below.

Lastly, the [2021 VIC/TAS Awards ceremony link](#) is now available. If you missed the actual event, or wish to share it wider, please do so. Congratulations again to all award recipients.

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AAUT Awards Team Director



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

## TIMELINE & KEYDATES



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

## AAUT UPDATE

### Nomination Update

Thank you to all ICOs who have submitted their nominees. This year, there is a total of 184 submissions from 38 institutions.

Award Types	Nominees Registration	Submissions Upload
Citations	140	131
Program Awards	24	20
Teaching Awards	36	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>184</b>

### Assessors Update

We are pleased to have 159 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.

This year, we are excited to announce that the assessment panel for the Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education, is made up of PVCs Indigenous, Director of Indigenous Learning and Teaching, Reconciliation Advisor as well as mentors to the Neville Bonner nominees.

### Assessment Process Outline

The assessment period is from October to December, where assessors will be busy assessing the nominations.

Time	Task	Explanation
Oct	Individual Assessment	Each assessor will review the assigned nominations.
Nov	Review Team's Comments	Each assessor will review assessments made by their team members.
	Collaborative Assessment	Assessors will meet online to agree on final ratings and feedback.
Dec	Awards Committee	The Awards Committees will be responsible for confirming and endorsing the ratings.
Jan/Feb 2022	UA Board	Universities Australia (UA) Board will sign-off by the final recipients list.

### Assessor Briefing Sessions



[Professor Shirley Alexander](#), Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education and Students), University Technology of Sydney will present on *How to effectively evaluate AAUT applications* on Wednesday 13 October 2021 at 3:30pm to 4:30pm AEDT. Professor Alexander has also been the Chair of the AAUT Teaching Awards Committee from 2018 to 2020. All assessors will receive a personal invitation to this session via email.

### Assessment Awards Portal Drop-in session

This drop-in session on Friday 8 October 2021 at 2pm AEDT, is designed to answer any questions assessors have on using the awards portal for assessment. Prior to attending the drop-in session, assessors are encouraged to watch the video on 'How to use the AAUT assessment awards portal'. All assessors will receive a personal invitation to this session via email.

### Acknowledgement 2018 to 2021 ICOs

Institutional Contact Officers (ICOs) for their support throughout the last three years. They have worked closely with the AAUT awards team.

Table listing Institutional Contact Officers (ICOs) from various universities including ACU, Bathurst, Bond University, Charles Sturt, Deakin, ECU, and Federation.

ICOs 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 Monday 18th October 2021. The survey link is sent to all ICOs. Please contact the Awards Team if you, as ICO, have not received it.

Career Achievement Award

2021 CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD brochure featuring a photo of Professor Terry Bragg and text describing the award's purpose and criteria.

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.

Click on the brochure for the nomination timeline. And the nomination form will be sent to all VCs by Friday 29 October 2021.

AAUT RESOURCES

AAUT RESOURCES website screenshot showing navigation links for AUS TRAILBLAZER AWARDS FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING, ABOUT AAUT, MEDIA KIT, HOW TO NOMINATE, and NEWS AND EVENTS.

Check out AAUT-UA website for a range of

- Promotional resources, like brochures, video series
Nominees resources
Past newsletters
Institutional Contact Officers (ICOs) list

Click on the images for details



Learning and Teaching Repository

Spotlight article titled 'Microcredentials' from the Learning & Teaching Repository, discussing their benefits and implementation.

Spotlight



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