



AAUT

# NEVILLE BONNER AWARD FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

In 2002, the Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education was introduced as part of the Teaching Excellence Awards. Neville Thomas Bonner AO (28 March 1922 – 5 February 1999) was an an elder of the Jagera people and the first Aboriginal Australian to become a member of the Parliament of Australia. A respected commentator and activist on Indigenous issues, his contribution to Australia has been recognised in perpetuity with a suburb in Canberra named after him.

For this award, nominees must demonstrate their contribution to Indigenous education. Only Indigenous teaching staff may nominate. Please contact the AAUT awards team for more information: [aaut@rmit.edu.au](mailto:aaut@rmit.edu.au)

## PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS



2022



**A/PROF BENJAMIN WILSON**  
**TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

Ecocentric approaches to education through Indigenous ways of knowing to affect lasting change in education systems. Transformational Learning Theory, experiential learning, and building sustainable, equal power relationships with students.



2021



**DR AMBELIN KWAYMULLINA**  
**TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

Focus on developing and delivering content related to First Nations peoples to best practice standards, and on transforming teaching and learning spaces to be respectful of First Nations peoples, knowledges, and cultures

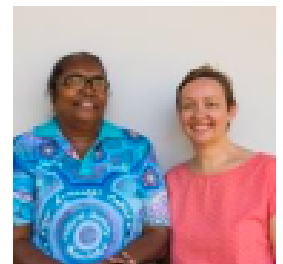


2021



**PROF ODETTE BEST**  
**CITATION**

For leadership of Australian Nursing education in the pioneering development of Indigenous curricula and learning resources that support Yatdjuligin - learning in a good way.



2020



**KUJARRA MAPU**  
**MUWARR WAKAJKU TEAM**  
**CITATION**

For a transformative 'third space' cultural learning experience – immersion on Yawuru and Karajarri Country in the course, Aboriginal People: The Silent History.