



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the October edition of the AAUT newsletter. As we find ourselves already fast approaching the end of the year, our focus this month is on assessments. The nomination period has now officially closed for Citations, Teaching, and Program awards. Assessors will soon be diligently reviewing submissions and collaborating in teams to finalise recipient recommendations by November. We're thrilled with the number of submissions received this year - **141 nominations in total**. We extend our thanks to all contributors for their invaluable support, with special appreciation for our dedicated ICOs who organised their nominees' submissions so efficiently.

All shortlisted assessors will receive an invitation to an **Assessor Briefing Session** delivered by Professor Pip Pattison, the 2021 and 2022 Chair of the Teaching Awards Committee, scheduled for Wednesday the 4th of October. The session will be recorded for those who cannot make the date or time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the AAUT awards team at any time for advice or clarification of the process.

In this issue, we shine a spotlight on the **Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education**. This award is only for Indigenous teaching staff in the Citation and Teaching Award categories, and pays tribute to the remarkable legacy of Neville Thomas Bonner AO - the first Aboriginal Australian to serve as a member of the Parliament of Australia. More information in the newsletter below.

called the **'Shaping Australia Awards.'** While it does feature an award related to teaching, this program won't impact the 2023 AAUT. Instead, the Shaping Australia Awards places a strong emphasis on external perspectives, with a judging panel primarily comprised of individuals from outside the higher education sector. Entries are currently being accepted and close 20 November 2023. Further details can be found below.

I encourage Vice-Chancellors and university leaders to consider the nominations for the [AAUT Career Achievement Award](#) that will open on the 30th of October. This award recognises outstanding and influential academics who have more than 25 years' service. Please give thought to a suitable beneficiary of this award from your institution. VCs and ICOs of each institution will be emailed further information on the 26th of October.

Regards,
Professor Angela Carbone
AAUT Director

For regular updates about the AAUT awards

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TIMELINE & KEY DATES



Assessment: October - December

Career Achievement Award nomination: 30 October to 17 November

Awards announcement: February 2024



Nominations

Thank you to all the Institutional Contact Officers (ICO) who have submitted their nominees. This year, there is a total of **141 nominations from 36 institutions**.

Award types	Registered nominees	Submissions uploaded
Citations	127	116
Program awards	12	11
Teaching awards	17	14
Total	156	141

Among these nominations, we received **17 nominations in the Early Career category**, comprising 16 Citations and 1 Teaching Award, and **2 Neville Bonner nominations**, both of which were in the Teaching Award category.



Assessment

We are pleased to have 138 assessors from 38 institutions participating in this year's AAUT assessment. Your contribution is invaluable in upholding and

Assessors will be busy reviewing the nominations during the assessment period, from October to December.

2023 ASSESSMENT KEY DATES



Before commencing, assessors are encouraged to attend or watch the recorded briefing sessions.



Each assessor reviews their team's comments in preparation for the Collaborative Assessment.

4 & 6 Oct 2023
ASSESSOR AND AWARDS
PORTAL BRIEFING SESSION
(2 sessions)

16 - 29 Oct 2023
INDIVIDUAL
ASSESSMENT

8 & 9 Nov 2023
REVIEW TEAM'S
COMMENTS

10 - 19 Nov 2023
COLLABORATIVE
ASSESSMENT



Assessors individually review their assigned nominations against the assessment criteria. Maximum assessment of four nominations per assessor.

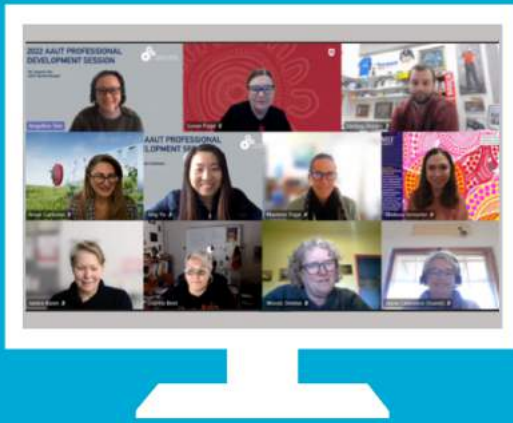


Individual assessors come together in their assigned teams to discuss the ratings and moderate their assessments.

AAUT Assessor Briefing Sessions



For our shortlisted assessors, there will be an online **Assessor Briefing on "How to effectively evaluate AAUT nominations"** on **Wednesday 4 October 2023, 3.30-4.30pm**, presented by Emeritus Professor Pip Pattison (Swinburne University). Serving as the Chair of the AAUT Teaching Awards Committee since 2021, Pip will impart her extensive expertise and insights on the assessment process. At the end of this session, there will be an opportunity for Q&A, and a recording of the briefing will be made available to all assessors. All assessors will receive a personal invitation to this session via email.



Friday 6 October 2023
2pm to 2.30pm AEDT
 Invite via email
 Recording will be available



JOIN OUR AWARDS PORTAL
DROP-IN SESSION

Assessment Awards Portal Drop-in session

This drop-in session, on **Friday 6 October 2023 at 2pm to 2.30pm AEDT**, is designed to answer any questions assessors may have on using the awards portal for assessment. Prior to attending the drop-in session, assessors are encouraged to watch the video on the 'AAUT Assessor Briefing Session - Assessment Awards Portal'. All assessors will receive a personal invitation to this session via email.

Spotlight on the Neville Bonner Award

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 Yatdjulgin - 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.

[AO \(28 March 1922 – 5 February 1999\)](#), this award pays tribute to his remarkable legacy. Mr. Bonner was an esteemed elder of the Jagera people and holds the distinction of being the first Aboriginal Australian to serve as a member of the Parliament of Australia. His tireless advocacy and contributions to Indigenous issues earned him lasting recognition, including the naming of a suburb in Canberra in his honour.

The award is designed to recognise and celebrate individuals who have made significant contributions to Indigenous education. It's important to note that only Indigenous teaching staff are eligible to nominate themselves in the Citation and Teaching Award categories. Each year, a dedicated team of Indigenous staff members and educators, or individuals with extensive knowledge and experience in Indigenous culture, is assembled to review the nominees. These assessors follow a [specific assessment matrix](#) for evaluating the nominations, before recommending recipients to the Award Committees and then Universities Australia's Board of Directors for final approval.

We would also like to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by **Professor Susan Page**, from Western Sydney University. Professor Page received a Neville Bonner Award in 2018 for her exemplary teaching excellence. Her significant impact extends beyond this recognition, as she has played a pivotal role in shaping the Neville Bonner awards. Her deep expertise in Indigenous perspectives and pedagogy, combined with her role as an assessor, has been instrumental in refining the Neville Bonner Award assessment criteria. Over the years, Professor Page has consistently offered nominees and assessors invaluable guidance in the development and evaluation of evidence-based nominations. We extend our sincere gratitude to Susan for her unwavering support of the AAUT Neville Bonner Awards.

Shaping Australia Awards

Universities Australia has launched the [Shaping Australia Awards](#) – a new program to celebrate the significant contribution universities and the people within them make to the nation.

The *Shaping Australia Awards* will recognise excellence across teaching, research and community service, shining a light on how our universities make Australia stronger.

Individuals and teams from Australian universities are invited to submit entries in one of three categories:

- **The Problem Solver Award** | Recognises an individual or a team's work, research or otherwise, that has changed or has the potential to change

- **The Future Builder Award** | Recognises an individual or a team that has gone over and above to equip their students with the knowledge and skills they need to make a positive impact in the world.
- **The Community Champion Award** | Recognises an individual, team or university with strong links to its community and the people who call it home, not just those who attend the institution.

Entries are now open and **close on 20 November 2023**. Visit the [Shaping Australia Awards website](#) for more information.



Check out the [UA-AAUT website page](#) for a range of resources including:

- 2023 Nomination Packs
- Nominee Resources
- Professional Development video series
- Past newsletters
- Award booklets

Promotional resources

Check out AAUTN website for information about:

- [AAUT Overview](#)
- [Citations](#)
- [Program Awards](#)
- [Teaching Awards](#)
- [AAUT Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education](#)
- [AAUT Early Career](#)
- [AAUT Career Achievement Award](#)





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