



Dear Colleagues,

I would like to offer my congratulations again to all the 2023 AAUT recipients and their institutions. I understand the depth of work and commitment required to apply for these awards, and how satisfying it is to receive recognition for innovative practices. You should all feel very proud of yourselves and your teams for your efforts. I also encourage those who were not successful this time around to reflect on the feedback provided by the assessors and consider reapplying in the future. You can read about the work of all the successful nominees in the 2023 AAUT Awards Ceremony Booklet, and if you missed it, you can [watch the Universities Australia video announcement here](#).

A big thank you to our volunteer Award Committee Chairs, Assessors and Institutional Contact Officers (ICOs) – these awards would not be possible without your support and dedication. From our distributed surveys, we received encouraging feedback on the 2023 program from our ICOs and Assessors. Here are some of the positive comments we enjoyed reading:

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These results confirm the value of the AAUT scheme and the importance of recognising and celebrating Australia’s outstanding educators. You can read more in the Evaluation Result Summary featured in this newsletter below.

Regards,
Professor Angela Carbone
AAUT Director

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2023 AAUT Submissions & Awards

We would like to thank the 37 institutions for their participation in the 2023 AAUT program. See the table below for a summary of the 2023 nominations. There were also 21 nominations received for the 2023 Career Achievement Award - the highest received for the AAUT program.

Awards Type	Submissions	Awarded
Citations	116	52
Program Awards	11	2
Teaching Awards	14	6
Teacher of the Year	-	1
Total	141	61

What’s next for the 2024 AAUT?

- Certificates were sent out to each Institutional Contact Officer (ICO) for distribution on Tuesday 5 March 2024.
- Detailed feedback from assessors will be sent to all ICOs for distribution by 27 March 2024.
- A new suite of online Professional Development sessions will be rolled out from May - July 2024. More details to come via email to ICOs.

below in this newsletter.

TIMELINE & KEY DATES




- **2023 Feedback letters to nominees:** Wednesday 27 March 2024
- [Access 2023 Nomination Packs](#): Monday 6 May 2024
- **ICO Briefing Session (online):** 14 May 2-3pm AEST
- **Receive Awards Portal Nomination Instructions:** Friday 9 August 2024
- **Nominee registration and submission:** Monday 12 August to Sunday 1 September 2024 (*Registration and submission will be streamlined into one stage via a new awards portal. ICOs will be instructed about new portal in briefing sessions*)



AAUTN Mentor Scheme

The [AAUTN Award Mentor Scheme](#) draws on the skills and experience of the AAUT Teaching Award winners. To date, there are 57 registered mentors from 21 institutions, who have volunteered to act as mentors for future awards applicants. We encourage successful recipients of the 2024 AAUT program to volunteer as mentors.

2023 Evaluation Results Summary



2023 AAUT EVALUATION RESULTS SUMMARY

This summary outlines the 2023 round of the Australian Awards for University Teaching evaluation results gathered from Institutional Contact Officers (ICOs) and Assessors. The survey gives the sector an opportunity to provide feedback and suggest improvements to future rounds of the awards scheme.

EVALUATION RATING OVERVIEW

In summary, the table below provides an overall satisfaction rating on the key evaluation areas.

Key Evaluation Areas	ICO (17 responded)	Assessors (47 responded)
	Extremely and very satisfied rating %	
Process	Nomination and Submission Process 94%	Assessment Process 90%
Information Pack	Nomination Information Pack 88%	Assessors Information Pack 86%
Communication	Newsletter & website 82%	Assessor Briefing Sessions 83%
Awards Portal (SPARKPLUS)	Nomination Awards Portal 84%	Assessment Awards Portal 83%
Awards Team	100%	100%
Awards Scheme	88%	98%
Legend	80% to 100% Met expectations	70% to 85% Suggested improvements

SOME SUGGESTIONS:

1. ICOs have commented on the challenges of producing high-quality nominations in a much shorter time frame this round, with some strong candidates withdrawing due to insufficient time. This sentiment has been echoed by the assessors and awards committees, who have found the quality not to be at the standard of previous years. It is recommended that UAAUT address quality issues with increased professional development and mentoring opportunities and an earlier announcement of timelines for the upcoming 2024 round.
2. The support for the nomination template (introduced this round), which provides clear headings for each assessment criteria, was generally positive among assessors but received some mixed feedback from some ICOs who preferred a more narrative approach. It is suggested that AAUT should continue to provide the template as 'recommended but not mandatory' for nominees, while emphasising its strong endorsement by the majority of assessors.
3. Provide more detailed guidance to assessors on how to consider sessional and early career categories. Separate rubrics for sessional (and potentially early career staff) have been recommended by some assessors to better reflect the opportunities available to most sessional staff, particularly in the areas of recognition and dissemination.

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"Please continue the incredible work and continue sharing opportunities for our wonderful educators in Australia to receive recognition."

2023 AAUT ASSESSMENT RESULTS SUMMARY

and Assessors.

We also note some suggestions for improving future rounds, including to:

- Announce the 2024-25 awards earlier to aid operations and support ICOs in recruiting nominees.
- Emphasise the need for increased resources at the institutional level for nominees to develop strong submissions with sustained evidence.
- Launch a professional development series covering all AAUT programs, focusing on evidence, literature, and innovation.
- Highlight the use of nomination templates for clear assessment criteria.
- Maintain and promote the AAUT mentoring program for high-quality nominations.

We appreciate your feedback and will work hard to keep improving the program each year.



The poster features a dark blue background with a subtle pattern of white dots. At the top center, there is a logo consisting of three interlocking white gears of different sizes, with the text "AUSTRALIAN AWARDS FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING" to its right. Below this, the main title "2023 AAUT STATE AWARD CEREMONIES" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Underneath the title, a white text block reads: "Thank you to the hosting institutions who will be celebrating the 2023 recipients". At the bottom, there are five vertical columns, each representing a ceremony. Each column contains the date, the ceremony name, the host, and the host's logo. The logos are: ECU (Edith Cowan University) for WA, RMIT (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology) for VIC, Flinders University for SA, The University of Newcastle Australia for ACT/NSW, and The University of Queensland Australia for QLD.

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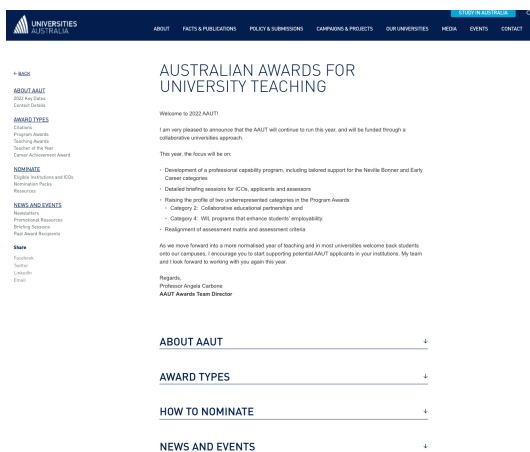
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State-based award ceremonies

A big thank you to the universities who are hosting the 2023 state-based award ceremonies.

- SA: Flinders University on 9 May 2024
- NSW/ACT: The University of Newcastle will host on 23 May 2024
- QLD: The University of Queensland will host on 28 May 2024

Now that UA have confirmed the 2024 AAUT will go ahead, we encourage universities and ICOs to start identifying and working with potential nominees on developing their submission.



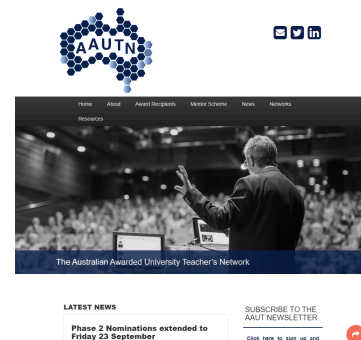
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- Past newsletters
- Past awards ceremony booklets
- Past recipients video series
- 2022 Nomination Pack
- Nominees' Resources
- State-based ceremonies photo and recording links

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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