



AUSTRALIAN AWARDS  
FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING

AAUT

# NEVILLE BONNER AWARD FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

The Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education was established in 2002 as part of the Teaching Excellence Awards. Named after Neville Thomas Bonner 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. 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



2023



**A/PROF KERRY BODLE  
TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

Indigenising the traditional business education curriculum and using community-led research to break down barriers and ensure success for Indigenous people, businesses and communities.



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



2020



**PROF ODETTIE 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.