



# AAUT Newsletter

March 2025

## AAUT Director's Update



Dear Colleagues,

At the end of February, we had the pleasure of celebrating the 2024 AAUT recipients at the Awards Ceremony. I want to take a moment to recognise the dedication of all the nominees, ICOs, Assessors, Awards Committee Chairs and Members, as well as institutions involved in the nomination process. For those who were not successful this time, I encourage you to reflect on the assessment panel's feedback and consider reapplying in the future.

A special thank you to The University of Western Australia, the University of South Australia, Deakin University, and Griffith University for hosting this year's state-based ceremonies. This month, UWA hosted the WA Ceremony.

We are also excited to announce the return of the AAUT and UniSA Breakfast Series in April. The first session will be led by our Career Achievement Award recipient, Professor Tracey Bunda from The University of Queensland, who will present on *Indigenising the Curriculum*. Please mark your calendars and share this event within your institution – details can be found below.

Starting with this edition, we're introducing a new section to showcase AAUT recipients and their outstanding work. This month, we highlight Teaching Awards recipient Professor Tracey Kuit – learn more about her through her profile and video below.

Lastly, we appreciate your patience as we finalise the details with Universities Australia for the 2025 AAUT round. We expect the nomination timeline will be similar to last year – stay tuned for more updates!



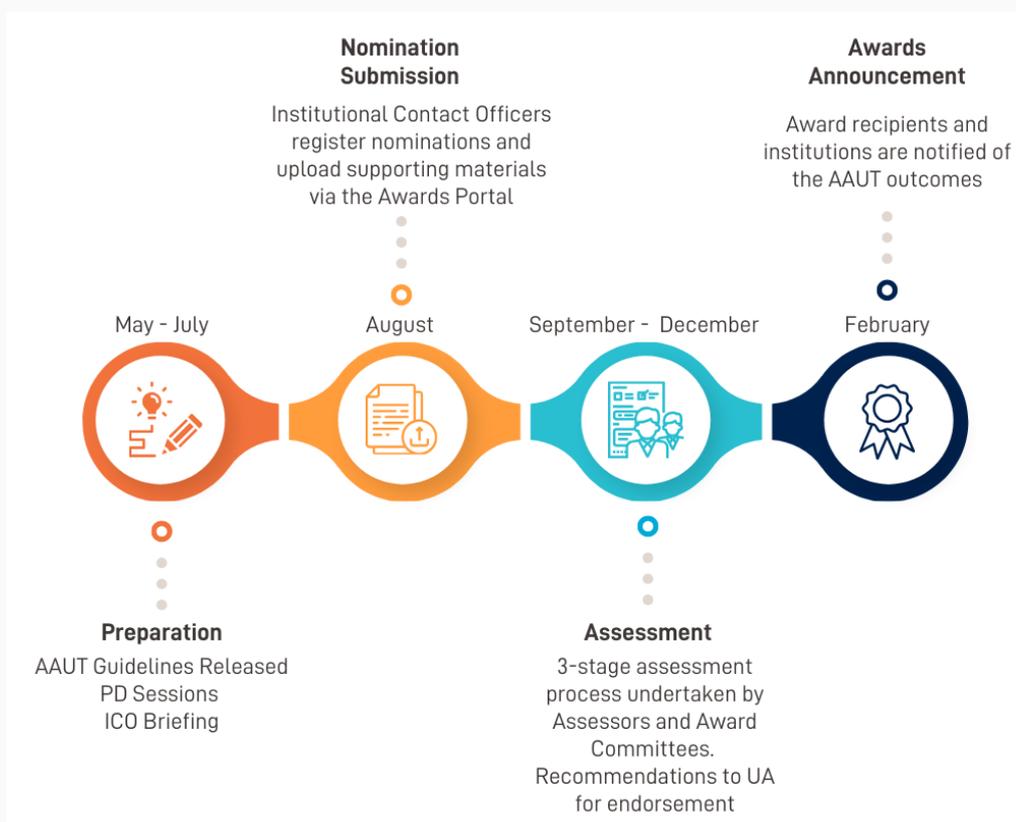
Regards,

Professor Angela Carbone , **AAUT Director**

# TIMELINE & KEY DATES

The timeline for the 2025 round will be similar to that of last year.

**2024 AAUT Nominee Feedback Letters** will be circulated by Monday 31 March 2025.



# WHAT'S NEW?

## 2024 AAUT Announcement

The 2024 AAUT Awards were recently announced at the Universities Australia Solutions Summit in Canberra on Monday 24 February.

Click [here](#) to watch the official 2024 AAUT video announcement, and find the full list of recipients in this year's Awards Booklet.





## 2024 AAUT Evaluation Results Summary

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey evaluation. Overall, ICO satisfaction ratings are extremely positive, with all areas receiving 95% or higher. Assessors' satisfaction ratings have consistently stayed above 90% in most areas, with the new awards portal showing promise for further improvement during its pilot phase.

### Best Aspects of the Awards Scheme:

- *"The continuation of the AAUT Awards is the best aspect, as it is a clear signifier of national recognition and reward for learning and teaching."*
- *"Online submission was the easiest part. Assessment matrix and nomination template were very helpful."*
- *"Feeling well informed and well supported by the AAUT Awards team. Angela and the team are brilliant!"*

### Suggestions for improvement:

- Open the Awards Scheme and release the submission deadlines and Nomination Information Pack earlier to give institutions more time for planning.
- Enhance the functionality of the Assessment Awards Portal.
- Increase the focus on indigenous knowledges, emerging technologies and assessment practices in applications.

Key Evaluation Areas	ICO (22 respondents)	Assessor (48 respondents)	
Percentage of Extremely and Very Satisfied Responses			
Process	Nomination and Submission Process 95%	Assessment Process 90%	
Information Pack	Nomination Information Pack 95%	Assessment Information Pack 90%	
Communication	Newsletter & website 95%	Assessor Briefing Sessions 95%	
Awards Portal (SurveyMonkey Apply)	Nomination Awards Portal 100%	Assessment Awards Portal 63%	
Awards Team	100%	98%	
Awards Scheme	100%	92%	
Legend	Exceeds Expectations 90% to 100%	Meets Expectation 75% to 89%	Improvement Suggested 60% to 74%

## 2024 AAUT State-Based Ceremonies

We are excited to announce that the following institutions will be hosting the 2024 AAUT State-based Ceremonies to celebrate the achievements of recipients from their regions. Please note, these events are invitation-only.

NSW institutions still have the opportunity to host the NSW/ACT ceremony. If your institution is interested in hosting the 2024 celebration, please contact us for more information.



**2024 AAUT STATE AWARD CEREMONIES**

11 March 2025 WA Ceremony	7 May 2025 SA/NT Ceremony	29 May 2025 QLD Ceremony	31 May 2025 VIC/TAS Ceremony	TBC NSW/ACT Ceremony
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# The AAUT & UniSA Breakfast Series Returns!

We are excited to bring back the AAUT & UniSA Breakfast Series. Due to strong demand, we are thrilled to collaborate with the Teaching Innovation Unit at UniSA again this year to highlight the achievements of AAUT recipients and share innovative teaching practices and programs with the academic community. Starting in April and running through November, the series will take place **every second Thursday morning of each month** from **8am to 9am (ACST)**.

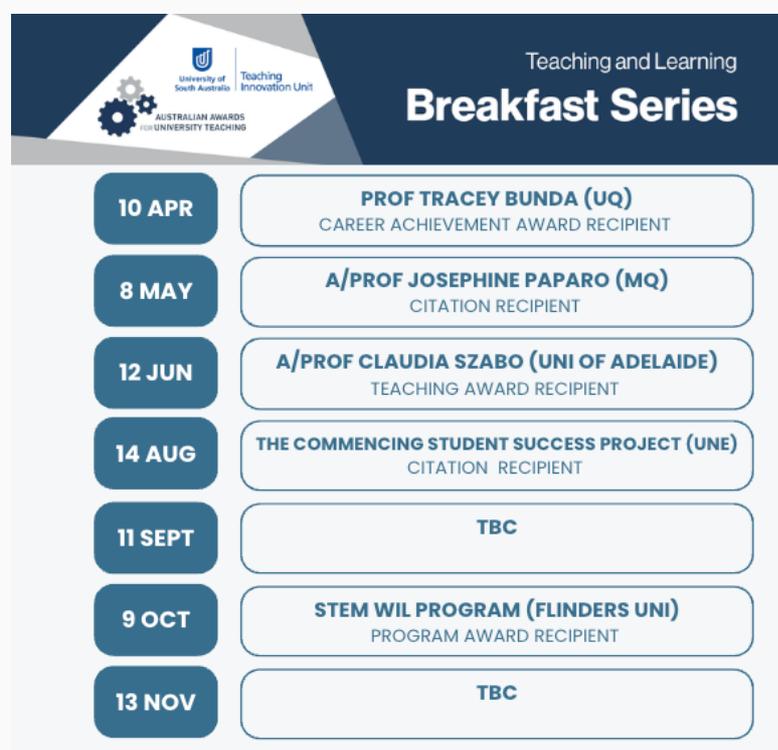
## FEATURED PRESENTER – APRIL

The first session will be kicked off by our very own 2024 Career Achievement Award recipient, Professor Tracey Bunda, who will be presenting on "**Indigenising the Curriculum**".



Professor Tracey Bunda, The University of Queensland

## SAVE THE DATES!



The graphic features a dark blue header with the University of South Australia and Teaching Innovation Unit logos on the left, and the text 'Teaching and Learning Breakfast Series' on the right. Below the header is a list of dates in dark blue rounded rectangles, each paired with a white rounded rectangle containing the presenter's name and award details.

Date	Presenter / Program	Award / Recipient Type
10 APR	PROF TRACEY BUNDA (UQ)	CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT
8 MAY	A/PROF JOSEPHINE PAPARO (MQ)	CITATION RECIPIENT
12 JUN	A/PROF CLAUDIA SZABO (UNI OF ADELAIDE)	TEACHING AWARD RECIPIENT
14 AUG	THE COMMENCING STUDENT SUCCESS PROJECT (UNE)	CITATION RECIPIENT
11 SEPT	TBC	
9 OCT	STEM WIL PROGRAM (FLINDERS UNI)	PROGRAM AWARD RECIPIENT
13 NOV	TBC	

The registration link will be sent to all ICOs and made available on [AAUTN](#) website.

# RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT



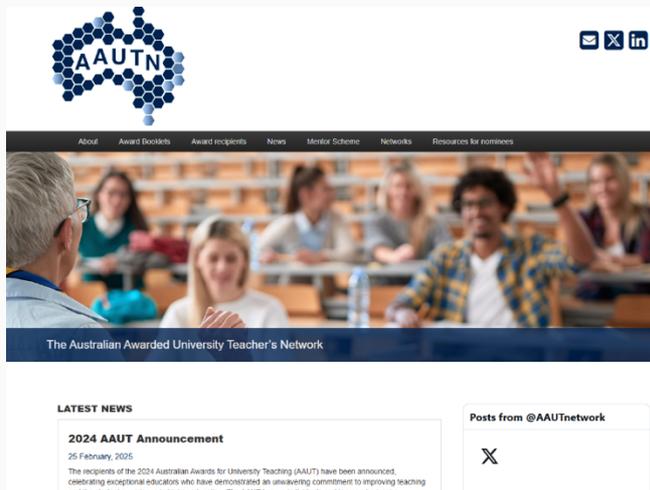
## Get to know Teaching Awards Recipient: Prof Tracey Kuit

Prof Tracey Kuit has spent nearly 20 years shaping biochemistry and molecular biology education at the University of Wollongong impacting over 16,000 students. As Chair of UOW's Learning and Teaching Academy and Associate Dean of Education, her research-driven, learner-centred approach emphasises group work and reflection. Tracey also leads nationally and internationally, mentoring peers and fostering best educational practices.

Read [Professor Tracey Kuit's Profile](#)

Watch [Professor Tracey Kuit's video](#)

# AAUT RESOURCES



Check out the [AAUTN website](#) for information about:

- [Latest news](#)
- [Australian University Teacher of the Year Profile Booklet](#)
- [AAUTN Mentor Scheme](#)
- [Advice for recipients](#)
- [Resources for nominees](#)



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