

2025 AAUT Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

NOMINATION

Q: What is the typical pathway for submitting an AAUT application?

Most applicants start by applying for an internal award within their institution—such as a Faculty or Institutional Award—before progressing to the national AAUT Awards. A common progression is to first apply for a Citation and, if successful, later consider a Teaching Award. We recommend reaching out to your [Institutional Contact Officer \(ICO\)](#) to understand the specific processes and timelines at your institution.

Q: I'm interested—how do I begin the application process?

Your first step should be to contact your [ICO](#). Each institution has its own internal nomination process, including deadlines and specific criteria, which your ICO can guide you through.

Q: What is the role of the Institutional Contact Officer (ICO)?

The ICO serves as your institution's main point of contact with the AAUT Awards Team. All key communications—such as newsletters, updates, and outcome notifications—will be relayed through them.

The ICO is also responsible for submitting all nominations on behalf of their institution via the AAUT Awards Portal. Please note that ICOs are not eligible to be included in any nomination due to potential conflicts of interest.

Q: What responsibilities does my institution have in the nomination process?

Only [member institutions](#) listed on the Universities Australia (UA) website are eligible to submit nominations. The institution plays a critical role in supporting the development and submission of nominations for Citations, Program Awards, and Teaching Awards.

Institutional responsibilities include:

Identifying candidates and supporting the development of their nomination.

- Providing guidance to nominees around the quality and strength of nominations.
- Providing feedback to strengthen the quality and competitiveness of nominations
- Assisting the nominees in:
 - Presenting evidence of teaching quality
 - Presenting evidence of sustained contribution
 - Collecting data to support claims
 - Developing a clear and cohesive narrative
- Managing the internal nomination process and submission timeline
- Distributing AAUT assessor feedback with nominees and summarising key recommendations from previous assessment rounds
- Supporting recipients' post-awards to further their impact in learning and teaching.

Q: Where can I find the most up-to-date information about the AAUT?

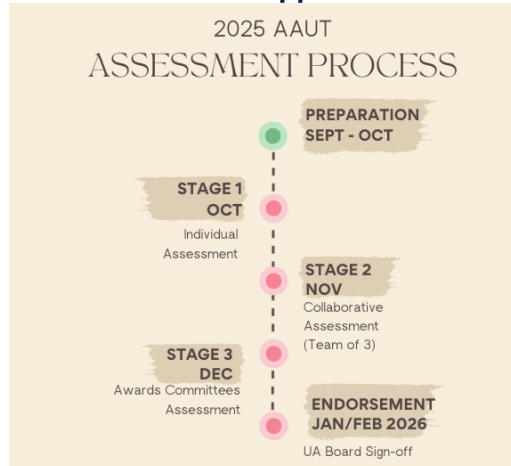
For the latest updates and resources, please visit:

AAUT-UA website	AAUTN website
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAUT Awards Information • 2025 AAUT Nomination Packs • Nominees' Resources • Newsletters • Past awards ceremony booklets • Past recipients' video series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest news • Australian University Teacher of the Year Profile Booklet • AAUTN Mentor Scheme • Advice for recipients • Resources for nominees

To stay informed, we encourage you to subscribe to the AAUT newsletter [here](#).

ASSESSMENT

Q: How are AAUT applications assessed?



AAUT applications undergo a peer-review process and are evaluated by the following groups:

- **Assessors** – A panel of peer reviewers who assess applications based on published criteria.
- **Awards Committees** – Comprised of senior academic leaders in teaching and learning, these members bring extensive leadership experience from across the Australian higher education sector.
- **Universities Australia (UA) Board** – Consisting of eight Vice-Chancellors and the UA Chief Executive Officer, the Board signs off on the final list of AAUT Award recipients.

Q: How are AAUT assessors selected?

Assessors are drawn from a pool that includes:

- Previous assessors
- Past AAUT award recipients
- Nominations from Deputy Vice-Chancellors (Academic)
- Members of the Council of Australasian University Leaders in Learning and Teaching (CAULLT).

Assessors are selected based on:

- Disciplinary expertise
- Experience in learning and teaching
- Prior experience in evaluating nominations or applications
- Years of leadership in education
- Opportunities for professional development
- Value of participation to their home institutions.

Q: How do I become an AAUT assessor?

To become a new assessor, you must be nominated or recommended by your Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

Q: Do I receive feedback on my application?

All nominees will receive a comprehensive feedback letter containing feedback from the assessors, including strengths and areas for improvement on each criterion and overall.

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Q: When will I be notified of the outcome of my application?

Official announcement will be made by the end of February 2026. Specific dates will be communicated via your Institutional Contact Officer (ICO).

Q: Is there any prize money?

While there is no prize money awarded, recipients are often invited to participate in AAUT collaborative initiatives to share and showcase their work and join the AAUT-Network.

All award recipients receive:

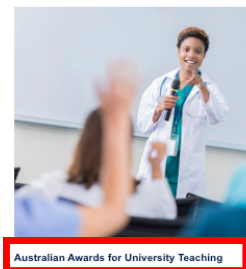
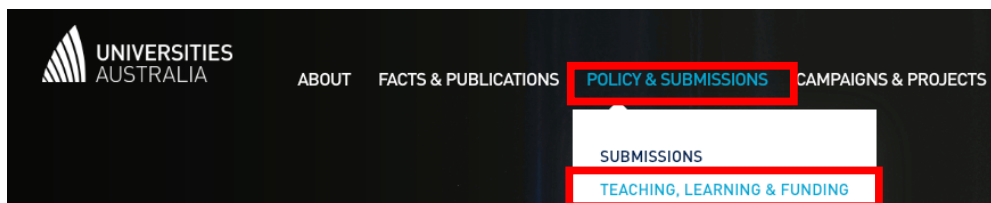
- A formal certificate
- An invitation to their state-based awards ceremony
- A Credly digital badge

For further enquiries, please contact the AAUT Awards Team aaut@rmit.edu.au

Q: Where can I find AAUT page on the UA webpage?

To locate the AAUT-UA page:

1. Visit [Universities Australia Home page](#)
2. Select '**Policy & Submissions**'
3. Click on '**Teaching, Learning & Funding**'
4. Then select '[Australian Awards for University Teaching](#)'



Australian Awards for University Teaching

The Australian Awards for University Teaching (AAUT) were established in 1997 by the Australian Government to celebrate and reward excellence in university teaching. Since then, the Awards have become a valued form of recognition for university educators Australia wide.