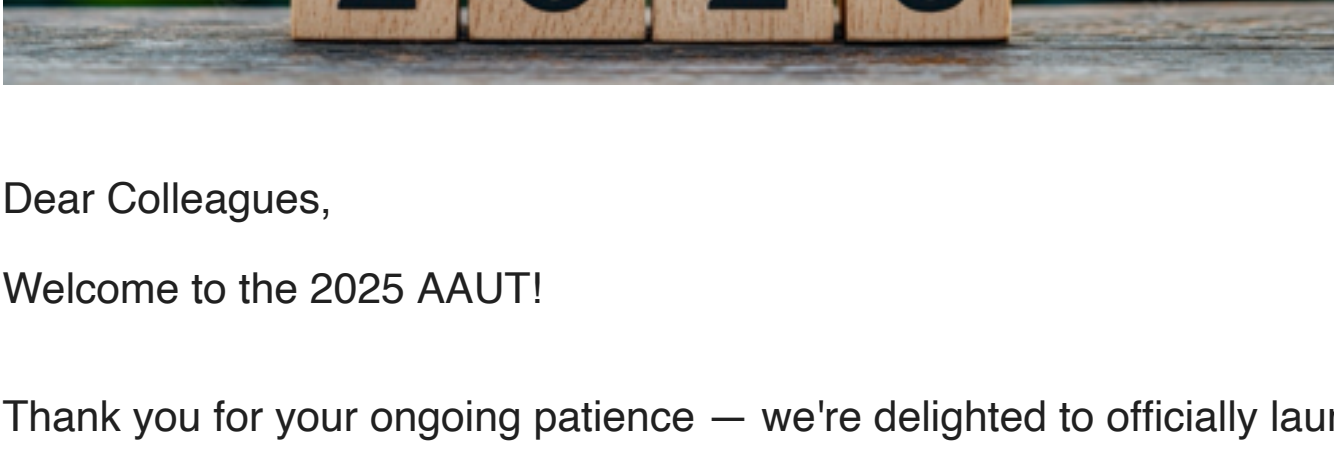


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AAUT Director's Update



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2025 AAUT!

Thank you for your ongoing patience — we're delighted to officially launch the 2025 Australian Awards for University Teaching (AAUT). Below, you'll find the updated timeline, along with key dates for the release of Nomination Packs and Professional Development sessions.

We'll begin with the ICO Briefing session this Thursday, featuring Emeritus Professor Pip Pattison, who chaired the Teaching Awards Committee from 2021 to 2024. She'll be sharing valuable insights on fostering high-quality nominations within your institution.

Throughout May and early June, we were pleased to celebrate four state-based ceremonies across SA/NT, QLD, VIC/TAS, and NSW/ACT:

- In South Australia, SANTPEN, in collaboration with the University of South Australia, hosted a memorable event and workshop.
- Griffith University held their celebration at the Queensland College of Art and Design.
- The AAUT Awards Team attended a wonderful event hosted by Deakin University at its downtown campus.
- In NSW, the Australian Catholic University welcomed attendees to their North Sydney campus for a meaningful celebration.

You can explore some of the highlights in the photos and SA/NT workshop recording below.

Updated Date: Thursday, 26 June

Please be advised that the date for the upcoming **AAUT and UniSA Breakfast Series** has been changed to **Thursday, 26 June**. The session will feature Associate Professor Claudia Szabo from The University of Adelaide, presenting on 'Effective Mastery Learning in the Era of Generative AI'.

We encourage you to mark your calendars and share this update within your institution. Further event details and session recordings can be found below.

What's New?

New Feature: 'Share Your AAUT Story'

We're introducing a new section in this newsletter where members of the AAUT community — including ICOs, assessors, and nominees — can share personal stories and experiences. Whether it's about impact, growth or lessons learned, we'd love to hear from you.

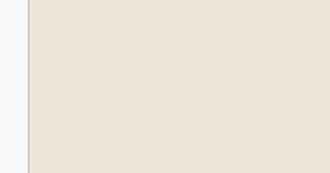
AAUT Recipient Spotlight

Starting this month, we'll feature two exceptional recipients each time, including one recipient of the Neville Bonner Award:

- **Associate Professor Voula Gaganis**, Flinders University, recipient of a Teaching Award
- **Associate Professor Jessica Russ-Smith**, ACU, recipient of the Neville Bonner Award

You can learn more about their work by exploring the profiles and videos linked below.

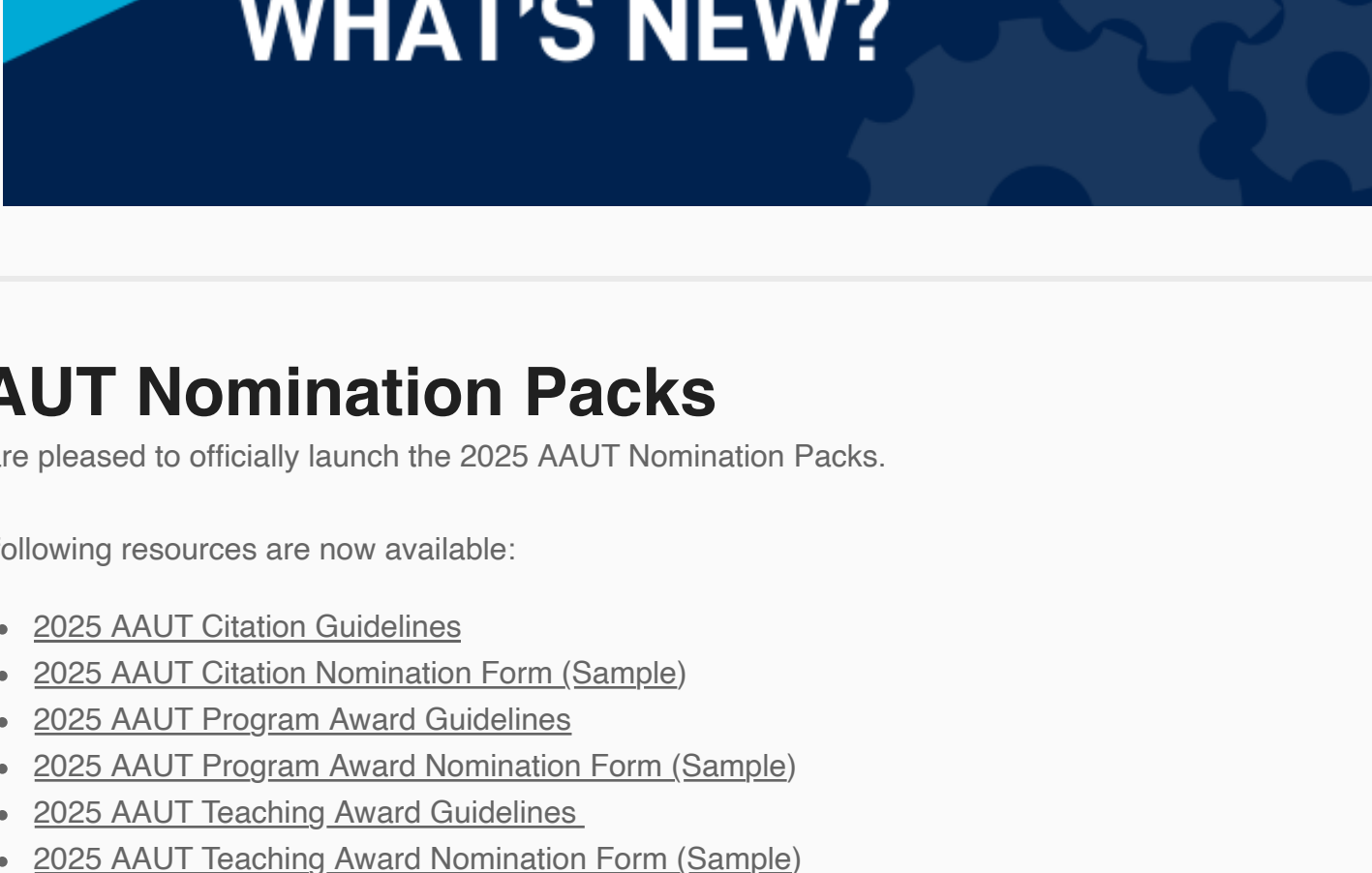
We look forward to working with you throughout the 2025 AAUT round!



Regards,
Professor Angela Carbone
AAUT Director



The 2025 AAUT Nomination Packs were released on Monday, 16 June.



AAUT Nomination Packs

We are pleased to officially launch the 2025 AAUT Nomination Packs.

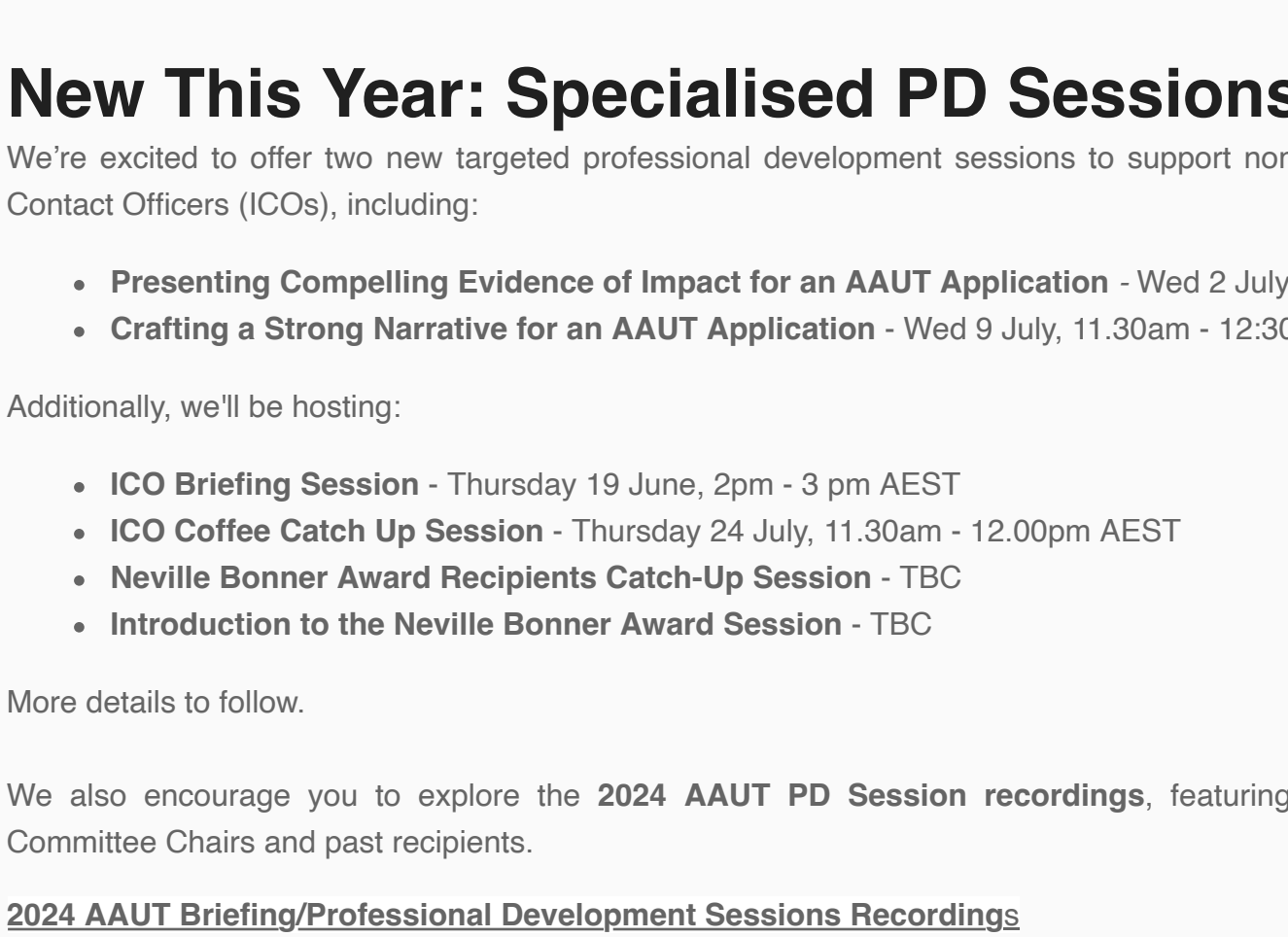
The following resources are now available:

- 2025 AAUT Citation Guidelines
- 2025 AAUT Citation Nomination Form (Sample)
- 2025 AAUT Program Award Guidelines
- 2025 AAUT Program Award Nomination Form (Sample)
- 2025 AAUT Teaching Award Guidelines
- 2025 AAUT Teaching Award Nomination Form (Sample)
- 2025 AAUT Assessment Matrix - Citation, Program and Teaching Awards
- 2025 AAUT Assessment Matrix - Neville Bonner Award
- 2025 AAUT Quick Reference
- FAQs

Nominee Resources

- 2025 AAUT Nomination Writing Tips
- 2025 AAUT Neville Bonner Award Writing Tips

Our sincere thanks to Professor Susan Page and the CAIK Team, recipients of the 2018 AAUT Neville Bonner Teaching Award, for providing this valuable resource on making a claim. It is featured on page 2 of the Neville Bonner Award Writing Tip.



Downloaded by Professor Susan Page and obtained from original owner, Victoria, NSW state (downloaded by Victoria University)

New This Year: Specialised PD Sessions

We're excited to offer two new targeted professional development sessions to support nominees and Institutional Contact Officers (ICO), including:

- **Presenting Compelling Evidence of Impact for an AAUT Application** - Wed 2 July, 2pm - 3pm AEST
- **Crafting a Strong Narrative for an AAUT Application** - Wed 9 July, 11:30am - 12:30 pm AEST

Additionally, we'll be hosting:

- **ICO Briefing Session** - Thursday 19 June, 2pm - 3 pm AEST
- **ICO Coffee Catch Up Session** - Thursday 24 July, 11:30am - 12:00pm AEST
- **Neville Bonner Award Recipients Catch-Up Session** - TBC
- **Introduction to the Neville Bonner Award Session** - TBC

More details to follow.

We also encourage you to explore the **2024 AAUT PD Session** recordings, featuring insights from Awards Committee Chairs and past recipients.

[2024 AAUT Briefing/Professional Development Sessions Recordings](#)

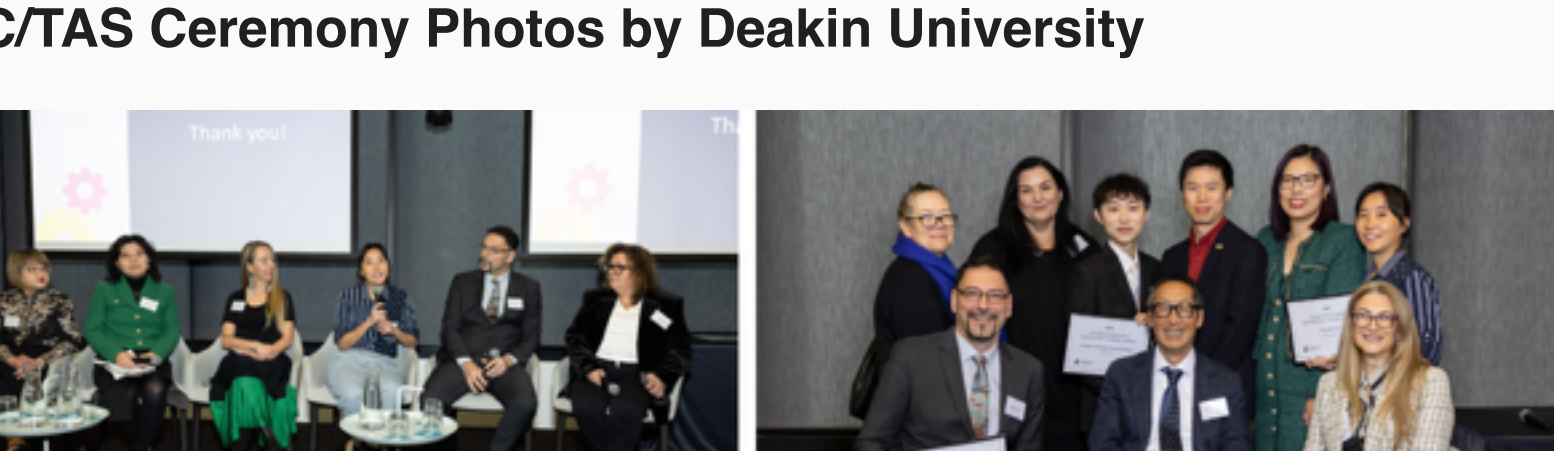
AAUTN Mentor Scheme

The **AAUTN Mentor Scheme** harnesses the expertise of previous AAUT Teaching Award recipients. With 59 mentors from 21 institutions already involved, we warmly encourage the 2024 recipients to join this vibrant network and support the next generation of applicants.

2024 AAUT State Ceremonies

It has been a busy few weeks, with four state-based award ceremonies held across the country. It's been wonderful to see our 2024 recipients celebrated for their achievements and to have the opportunity to build connections with other educational leaders in their state/territory.

SA/NT Ceremony Photos by SANTPEN & University of South Australia



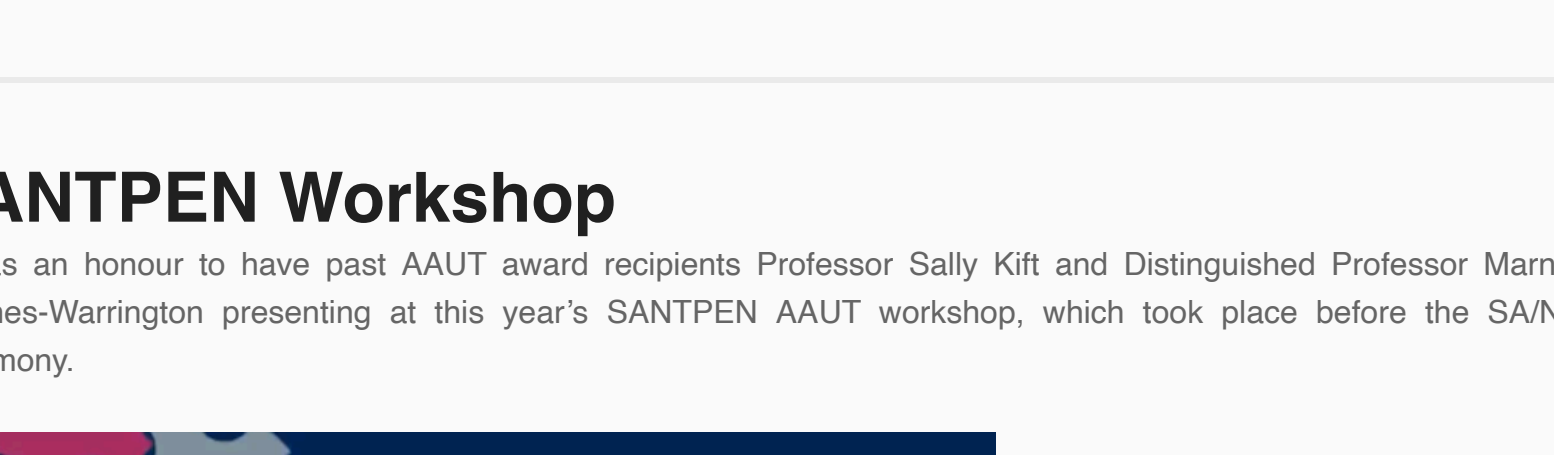
QLD Ceremony Photos by Griffith University



VIC/TAS Ceremony Photos by Deakin University



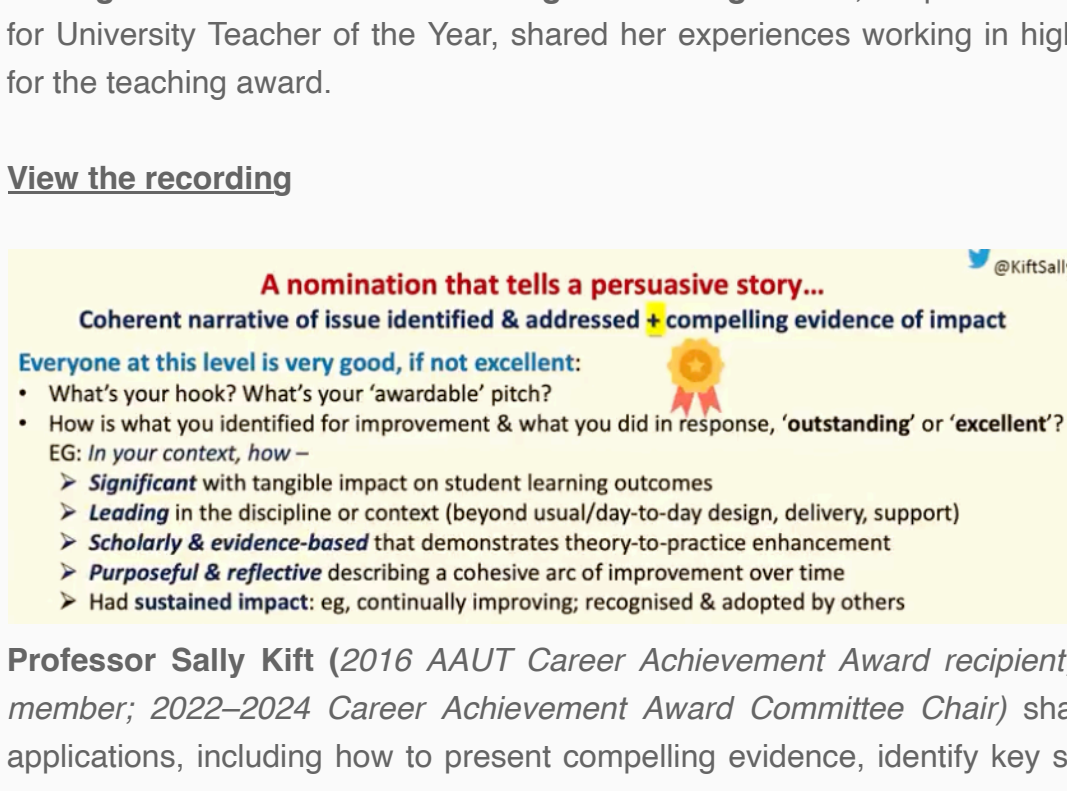
NSW/ACT Ceremony Photos by Australian Catholic University



[View all the photos and recordings from the state-based ceremonies here.](#)

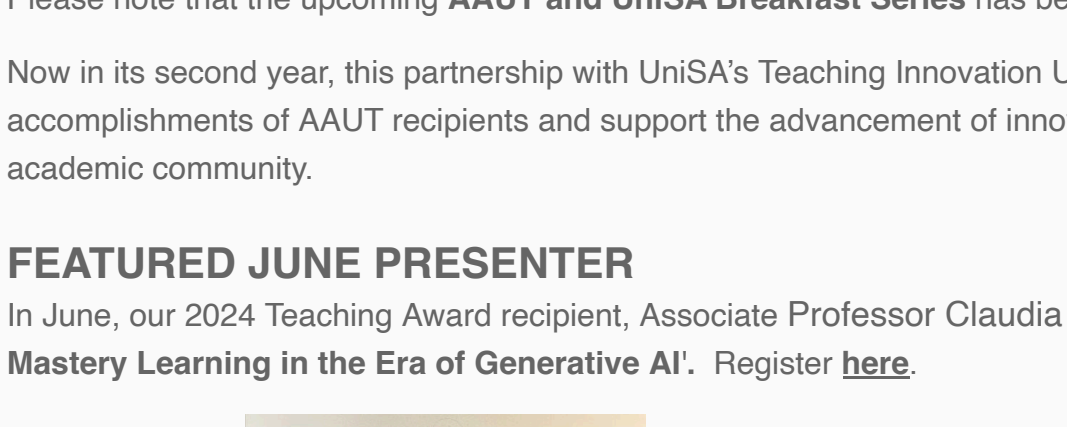
SANTPEN Workshop

It was an honour to have past AAUT award recipients Professor Sally Kiri and Distinguished Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington presenting at this year's SANTPEN AAUT workshop, which took place before the SA/NT ceremony.



Distinguished Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington AO, recipient of the 2008 AAUT Australian University Award for University Teacher of the Year, shared her experiences working in higher education and reflections on applying for the teaching award.

[View the recording](#)



Professor Sally Kiri (2016 AAUT Career Achievement Award recipient; 2018-2021 Program Award Committee member; 2022-2024 Career Achievement Award Committee Chair) shared valuable insights on crafting strong applications, including how to present compelling evidence, identify key sources of evidence, and practical tips for success.

[View the recording](#)

AAUT & UniSA Breakfast Series

Please note that the upcoming AAUT and UniSA Breakfast Series has been rescheduled to **Thursday, 26 June**.

Now in its second year, this partnership with UniSA's Teaching Innovation Unit continues to celebrate the accomplishments of AAUT recipients and support the advancement of innovative teaching practices across the academic community.

FEATURED JUNE PRESENTER

In June, our 2024 Teaching Award Recipient, Associate Professor Claudia Szabo, will be presenting on 'Effective Mastery Learning in the Era of Generative AI'. [Register here.](#)



A/Prof Claudia Szabo, University of Adelaide

WATCH THE RECORDING

April: [Indisputing the Curriculum recording](#)

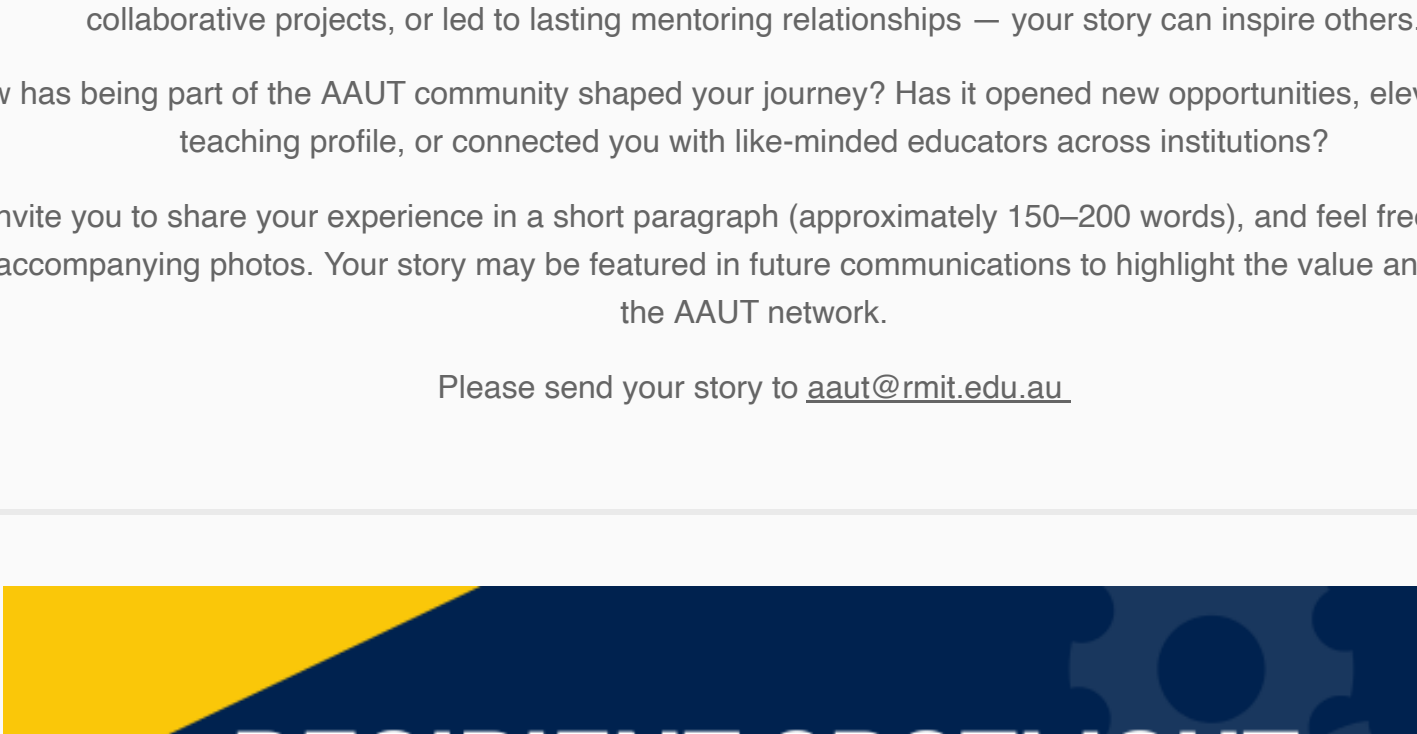
May: [From Small Things, Big Things Grow recording](#)

SAVE THE DATES

Update: There is a new presenter for the September session.



Share your AAUT story

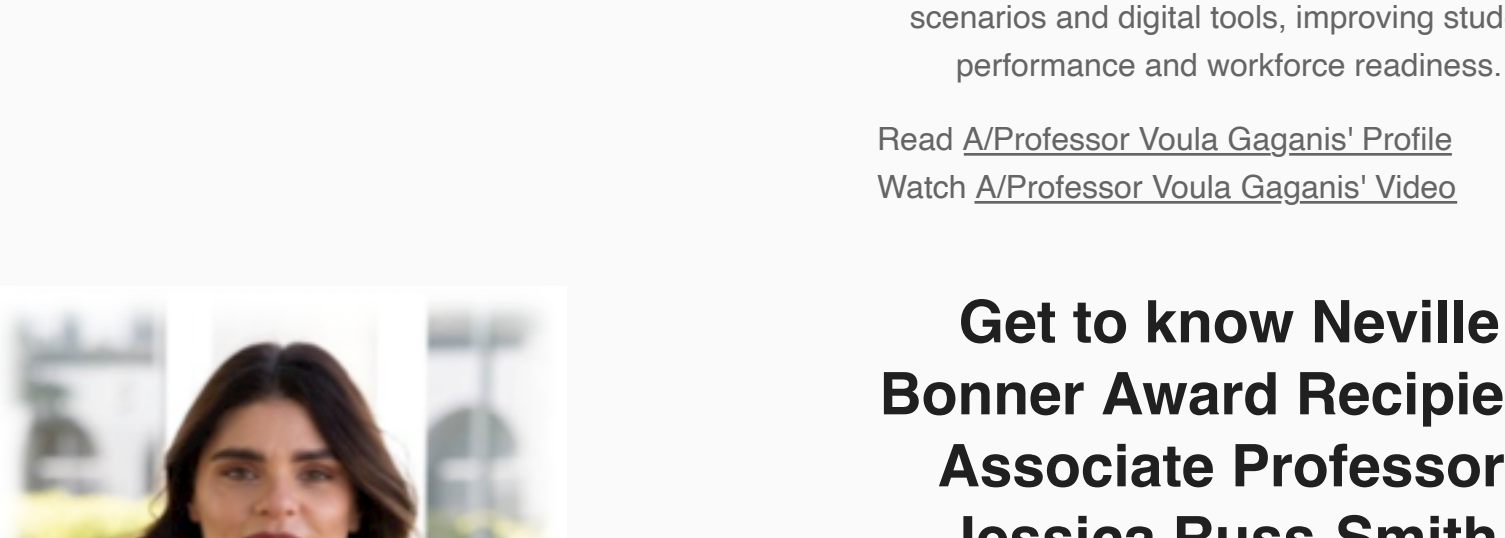


We'd love to hear how your involvement in the Australian Awards for University Teaching (AAUT) has positively impacted you. Whether it's contributed to your career growth, expanded your professional network, sparked collaborative projects, or led to lasting mentoring relationships — your story can inspire others.

How has being part of the AAUT community shaped your journey? Has it opened new opportunities, elevated your teaching practice, or connected you with like-minded educators across institutions?

We invite you to share your experience in a short paragraph (approximately 150-200 words), and feel free to include any accompanying photos. Your story may be featured in future communications to highlight the value and impact of the AAUT network.

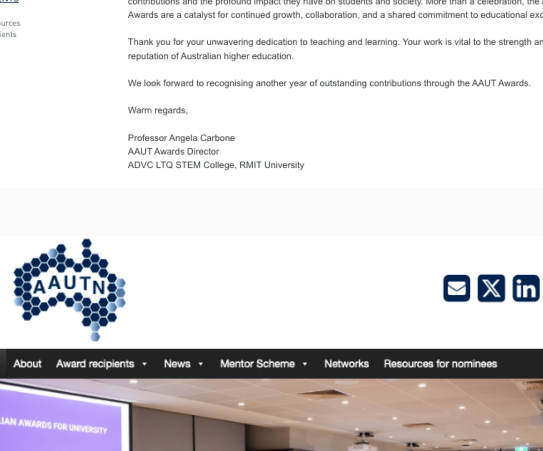
Please send your story to aaut@rmit.edu.au.



Get to know Teaching Award Recipient: Associate Professor Voula Gaganis

Associate Professor Voula Gaganis, Teaching Program Director at Flinders University, has transformed medical science education by replacing traditional teaching with active learning and industry partnerships. With over 20 years' experience, she designs innovative curricula and assessments incorporating real-life clinical scenarios and digital tools, improving student performance and workforce readiness.

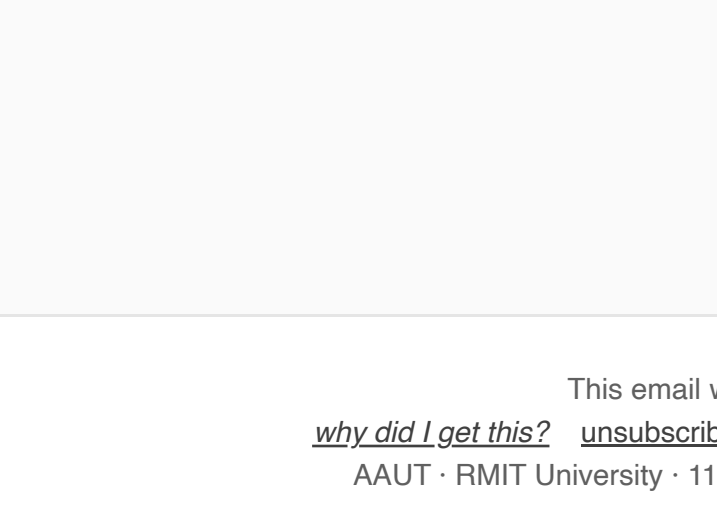
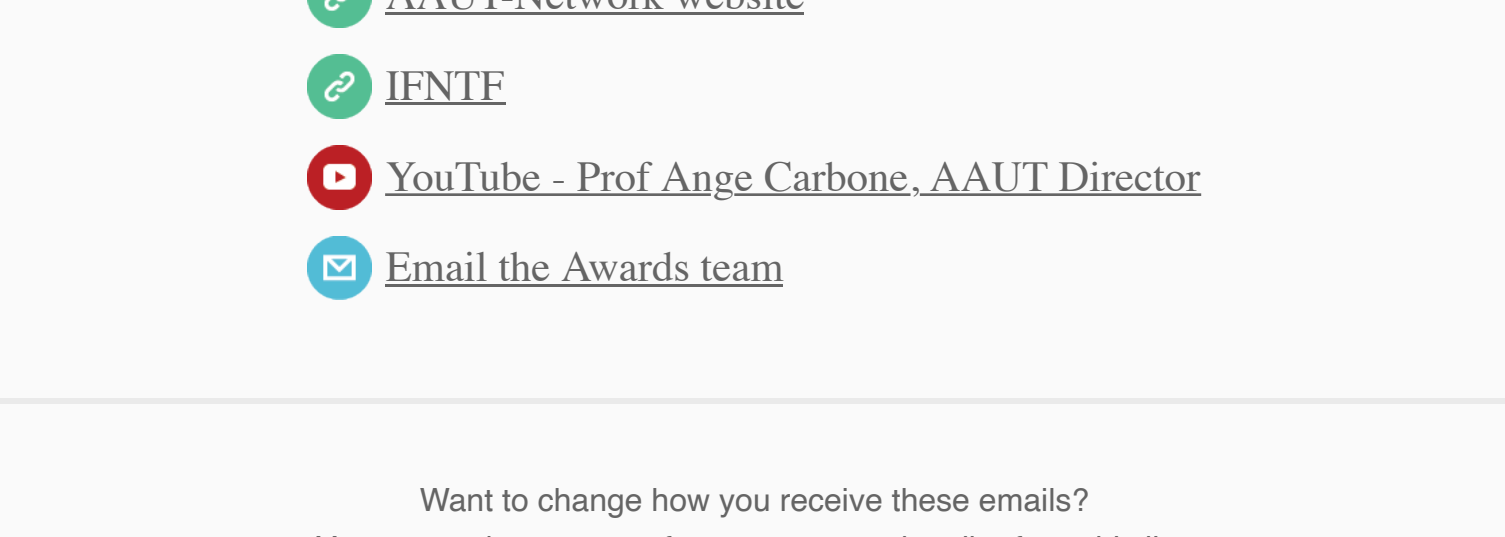
Read [A/Professor Voula Gaganis' Profile](#)
Watch [A/Professor Voula Gaganis' Video](#)



Get to know Neville Bonner Award Recipient: Associate Professor Jessica Russ-Smith

Embodying Waiyaduri Knowing, Being and Doing in learning and teaching, Leading anti-racist, relational, and care-based pedagogies for now and the future.

Read [A/Professor Jessica Russ-Smith's Profile](#)



2025 AAUT Launch on AAUT-UA website for:

- Nomination Packs
- Nominees' Resources
- Past newsletters
- Past awards ceremony booklets
- Past recipients' video series

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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