AAUT Newsletter June 2025 **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 TIMELINE & KEY DATES** The 2025 AAUT Nomination Packs were released on Monday, 16 June. 05 Feb 2026: Awards Announcement 04 27 Oct to 14 Nov: Career Achievement Award Nomination Period 03 Oct to Dec:
Assessment Period 02 25 Aug to 10 Sept: Nomination Period 01 June to July: Preparation Nomination Packs **Professional Development Sessions** WHAT'S NEW? **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 Tips. 1. Approaches to teaching and the support of learning that influence, motivate and inspire students to learn. Our approach to teaching is founded on the belief that learning results from synergetic interactions between the individual and the environment, leading to transformative experiences (Mezirow, 1997). We create learning focuses on how the team inspired ented a stand-alone, fully online subject, focused on contemporary Aboriginal Sydney; one of the suite of itudents embrace a myriad of opportunities to engage with Sydney as Country with a vibrant Indigenous history and culture as reflected in [student name removed] comment: practice & most of Australia's Indigenous population was located in remote areas. I was surprised to learn how many Indigenous people lived in major cities, like Sydney, and how many Indigenous organisations, events and celebrations there are in Sydney. I found it really interesting how many celebrations were held for events such as NAIDOC day, particularly in my Source
Page, Trudgett, Bodkin-Andrews 2018 AAUT Neville Bonner Application. Reproduced with permission of authors. Developed by Professor Susan Page and adapted from original Claim, Evidence, Result slide developed by Dr Celeste Rossetto **New This Year: Specialised PD Sessions** We're excited to offer two new targeted professional development sessions to support nominees and Institutional Contact Officers (ICOs), 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 Award 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 Kift and Distinguished Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington presenting at this year's SANTPEN AAUT workshop, which took place before the SA/NT ceremony. **SANTPEN AAUT Workshop** Distinguished Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington University of South Australia SANTPEN **UNIVERSITIES** 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 @KiftSally A nomination that tells a persuasive story... Coherent narrative of issue identified & addressed + compelling evidence of impact Everyone at this level is very good, if not excellent: What's your hook? What's your 'awardable' pitch? · How is what you identified for improvement & what you did in response, 'outstanding' or 'excellent'? EG: In your context, how -> Significant with tangible impact on student learning outcomes Leading in the discipline or context (beyond usual/day-to-day design, delivery, support) Scholarly & evidence-based that demonstrates theory-to-practice enhancement > Purposeful & reflective describing a cohesive arc of improvement over time Had sustained impact: eg, continually improving; recognised & adopted by others Professor Sally Kift (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 Sazabo, will be presenting on 'Effective Mastery Learning in the Era of Generative AI'. Register here A/Prof Claudis Sazabo, University of Adelaide WATCH THE RECORDING April: Indigenising the Curriculum recording May: From Small Things, Big Things Grow recording SAVE THE DATES Update: There is a new presenter for the September session. Teaching and Learning **Breakfast Series** PROF TRACEY BUNDA (UQ) 10 APR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT A/PROF JOSEPHINE PAPARO (MQ) 8 MAY CITATION RECIPIENT A/PROF CLAUDIA SZABO (UNI OF ADELAIDE) 26JUN TEACHING AWARD RECIPIENT THE COMMENCING STUDENT SUCCESS PROJECT (UNE) **14 AUG** CITATION RECIPIENT DR BILL PLATZ (GRIFFITH UNI) 11 SEPT CITATION RECIPIENT STEM WIL PROGRAM (FLINDERS UNI) 9 OCT PROGRAM AWARD RECIPIENT MR PAUL VAN OPDENBOSCH (QUT) **13 NOV** CITATION RECIPIENT **Share your AAUT story** SHARE We'd love to hear how being part of the AAUT has positively influenced your journey. Please share a short paragraph (150-200 words) about your experience, along with any photos, to help showcase the value and impact of the AAUT community. Send to aaut@rmit.edu.au 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 profile, 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 RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT **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 Wiradyuri 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 **AAUT RESOURCES** 2025 AAUT Launch on AUSTRALIAN AWARDS FOR **AAUT-UA website for:** UNIVERSITY TEACHING Nomination Packs Nominees' Resources Past newsletters Past awards ceremony booklets Past recipients' video series Check out the **AAUTN ☑** 🛚 in website for information about: Latest news • Australian University Teacher of the Year **Profile Booklet** AAUTN Mentor Scheme Advice for recipients Resources for nominees **Learning and Teaching** Repository **LEARNING & TEACHING** A collection of higher education learning and REPOSITORY teaching research valuable to any university academic. Access topical resources and news, or contribute a new resource. <u>Universities Australia - AAUT website</u> **AAUTnetwork** <u>Universities Australia</u> AAUT-Network website IFNTF YouTube - Prof Ange Carbone, AAUT Director Want to change how you receive these emails? You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list. 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