AAUT Director's Update

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the July edition of the AAUT newsletter.

As we prepare for the 2025 AAUT submission round - opening on **25 August** - we've been delighted to support educators through two specialised professional development sessions focused on crafting compelling narratives and demonstrating impact. These foundation skills are key to successful submissions, and we hope they provide valuable support as you begin preparing your applications.

To further inspire and inform your journey, this month we shine a spotlight on two past recipients whose work exemplifies excellence in teaching:

- **Critical Enabling Pedagogy Team**, University of South Australia - 2024 Teaching Award recipient
- **Professor Kerry Bodle**, Griffith University - 2023 Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education recipient

Looking ahead, I'm pleased to share that out **AAUT and UniSA Breakfast Series** returns this August. We'll kick things off with a presentation from **The Commencing Student Success Project Team** at the University of New England, who will explore: *'Using Universal Design for Learning principles and evidence-based strategies to build academics' capacities to enhance initial teacher education student engagement and retention in online learning.'* Make sure to mark your calendars - event details are included below.

In addition, we're proud to introduce the **2025 AAUT Awards Committees**. These dedicated individuals play a critical role in upholding the integrity of the awards. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Committee Chairs and members for their outstanding leadership and service.

On a more personal note, we bid a fond farewell to our exceptional Awards Coordinator, **Daniele Patterson**, who is moving into a new role as Program Manager at the University of Tasmania. Daniele has been a valued member of the AAUT team over the past two years - her professionalism, enthusiasm, and collaborative spirit have made a lasting impact. We're incredibly grateful for her contributions and wish her every success in this next chapter. if you'd like to leave a personal message, you can sign her farewell card .

Finally, we'd love to hear from you. Whether you're a recipient or assessor, your experiences and reflections help us tell the story of the AAUT's impact. Has the AAUT shaped your teaching, opened new doors, or helped grow your professional network? We invite you to share your story for a chance to be featured in a future edition.
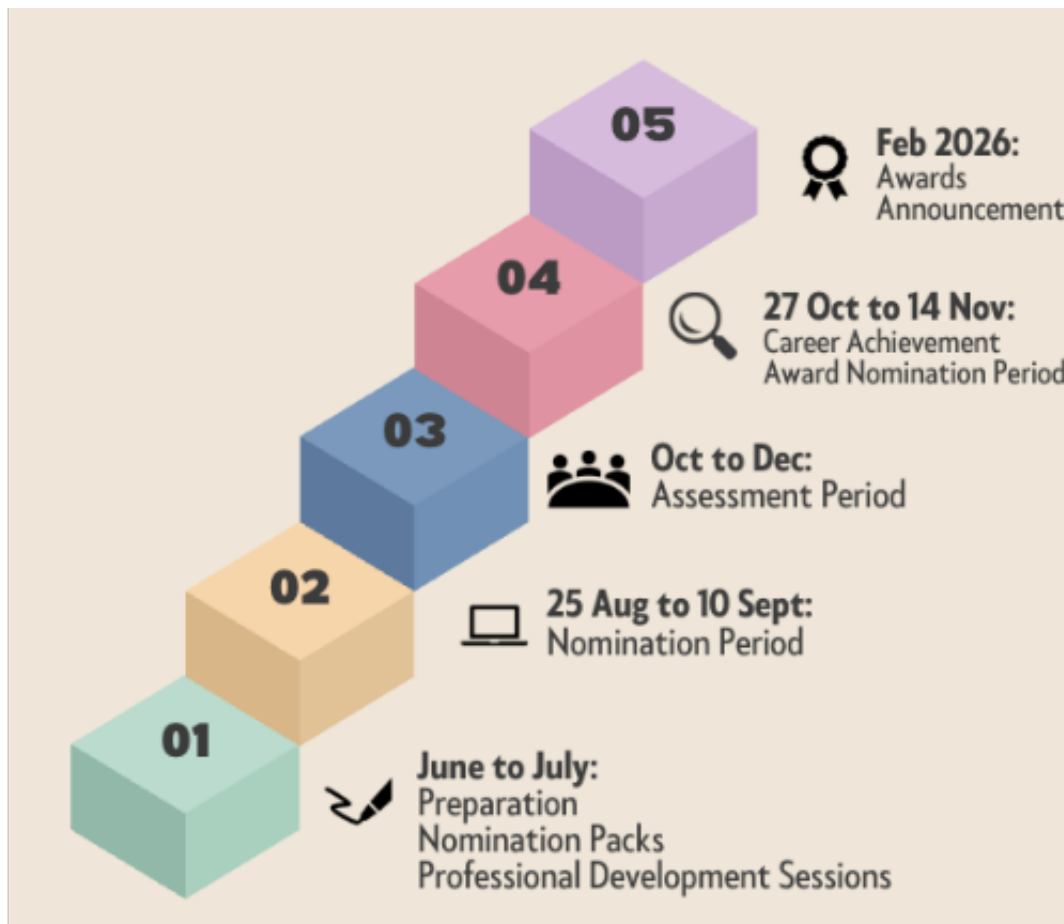
Thank you being a part of the AAUT community. We look forward to supporting you throughout the 2025 AAUT round!

Regards,
Professor Angela Carbone
AAUT Director

TIMELINE & KEY DATES

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

Reminder: 2025 AAUT Nomination Period

The nomination period for the 2025 AAUT will open on **Monday 25 August and close on Wednesday, 10 September.**

Summary of AAUT Awards Submission Requirements

2025 AAUT	Citation	Program Award	Teaching Award
Online Nomination Form	Yes	Yes	Yes
Claims Against Assessment Criteria	4 pages	10 pages	8 pages
Curriculum Vitae	Not required	Not required	Team Lead: Max 3 pages Team Member: 1 page each
Team Statement (1page)	For Team Nomination Only		
Two Letters of Reference	Yes	Yes	Yes
Supporting Materials	Not required	Up to 2: • 3-min video link, • Website URL and/or • 10-page PDF	Choose one: A website URL or 10-page PDF
Video	Not required	Not required	2-3 min *(Mp4 or mov format)*
Digital Photo *(.jpg format)*	Yes	Yes	Yes

Nomination Packs

- Citation Nomination Guidelines and Citation Nomination Form (SAMPLE)
- Program Award Nomination Guidelines and Program Award Nomination Form (SAMPLE)
- Teaching Award Nomination Guidelines and Teaching Award Nomination Form (SAMPLE)
- AAUT Assessment Matrix – For Citations, Program and Teaching Awards
- AAUT Neville Bonner Award Assessment Matrix

Here is the updated ICO list. As ICOs are responsible for uploading applications to the Awards Portal, please notify us of any changes before nomination open.

Specialised PD Sessions

To support the 2025 AAUT applicants, we launched two new professional development sessions, with over 140 participants joining:

- Presenting Compelling Evidence of Impact
- Crafting a Strong Narrative for an AAUT Application

We extend our sincere thanks to the following presenters for sharing their valuable insights, experiences, and advice:

- **Professor Susan Page** (WSU, 2018 Neville Bonner Award Recipient and AAUT Assessor)
- **Professor Tracey Bunda** (UQ. 2024 Career Achievement Award recipient)
- **Professor Kerry Bodle** (Griffith University, 2023 Neville Bonner Award recipient)
- **Dr Joy Whitton** (RMIT University)
- **Professor Barbie Panther** (Deakin University, AAUT Assessor)
- **Dr Angela Jones** (ECU, 2024 Program Award recipient).

💬 *What participants said:*
"Many thanks for this session – it has been fantastic! I really appreciate this guidance – thank you! 😊"
*"Thanks, Joy and Barbie – very helpful information and advice!"*
"Thank you, Joy and Angela Jones. This was one of the best prep sessions I've attended 😊"
*"Thanks so much, Joy and Angela Jones, for all of your tips, tricks, and insightful advice! Very much appreciated!!"*
"Thank you as always, Team AAUT!!! 😊"
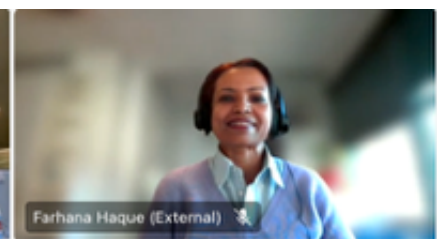
ICO Coffee Catch-Up Session

It was a pleasure to virtually connect with some of our ICOs. These informal conversations are a great way to share updates, exchange ideas, and strengthen our national network. We invite all ICOs to join us for the next catch-up session.
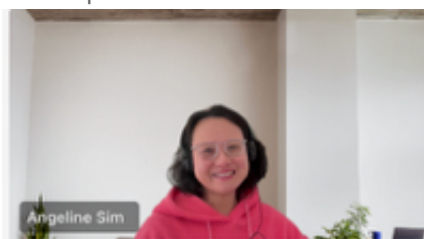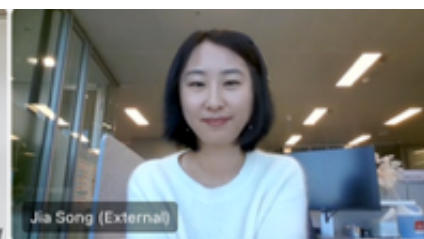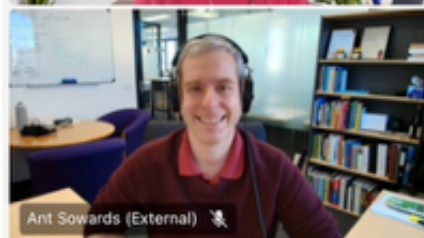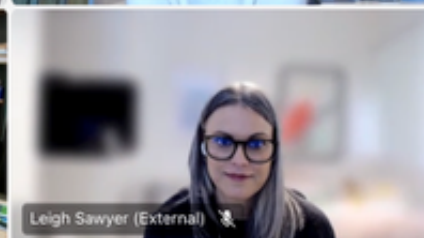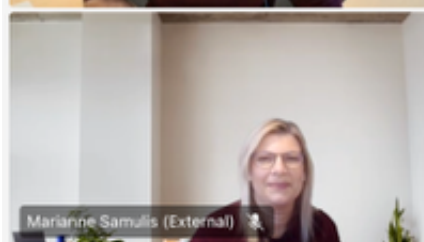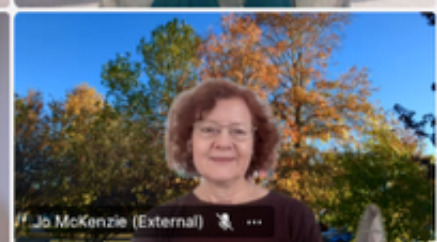
🎥 Missed a Session? Catch Up Here

If you missed any of the sessions, the recordings are available below:

- ICO Briefing Session recording and slides
- AAUT Neville Bonner Award Introduction Session recording and slides
- How to Present Compelling Evidence of Impact Session recording and slides
- How to Craft a Strong Narrative for an AAUT Application recording and slides

Coming Up:

- ICO Coffee Session #2 - TBC
- Neville Bonner Awards Recipients Catch-Up Session - TBC

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

2024 AAUT Briefing/Professional Development Sessions Recordings

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AAUT Assessor Recruitment

Recruitment for AAUT Assessors is underway. DVCAs are invited to recommend up to eight candidates from their institution by Friday 31 July 2025.

Serving as an assessor provides both academic and professional staff with valuable opportunities for professional growth and engagement in the learning and teaching community. Additionally, the knowledge gained through assessment process can enhance he preparation of stronger teaching award nominations in the future.

2025 AAUT Awards Committees

We extend our heartfelt sincere thanks to Professor Liz Johnson, Professor David Sadler and Professor Pip Pattison for their years of dedicated service as Chairs of the AAUT Committees. As their terms come to an end, we're excited to welcome the incoming chairs who will continue to lead and champion teaching excellence.

Citation Awards Committee

Prof Jessica Vanderlelie (Chair)
Deakin University

Prof Allie Clemans
Monash University

Prof Tania Broadley
Australian Catholic University

Prof Gregor Kennedy
The University of Melbourne

Prof Natalie Brown
University of Tasmania

Program Awards Committee

Prof Kylie Readman (Chair)
University of Technology Sydney

Prof Graham Brown
Charles Sturt University

Prof Robina Xavier
Queensland University of Technology

Prof Mark Brimble
Griffith University

Prof Michelle Picard
Flinders University

Teaching Awards Committee

Emer Prof Nicolette Lee (Chair)
La Trobe University

Prof Paul Brunton
Curtin University

Prof Don Klinger
Murdoch University

Prof Fiona Coulson
Charles Darwin University

A/Prof Poh Wah Hillock
The University of Queensland

Chair of the Citation Awards Committee

Professor Jessica Vanderlelie is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic at Deakin University, where she leads strategic initiatives in education and employability. A nationally recognised higher education leader, she is an Australian Learning and Teaching Fellow, and a recipient of both Citation and Teaching Awards. Jessica is a strong advocate for diversity, inclusion, and bold, AI-driven transformation in universities. She urges the sector to move beyond being "a content business" and to embrace personalised, equitable learning at scale. She has been a valued member of the Awards Committee since 2021.

Chair of the Program Awards Committee

Professor Kylie Readman is Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education and Students) at University of Technology, where she leads initiatives in teaching, learning, and student engagement with a strong focus on equity and wellbeing. Previously at Murdoch University, Kylie brings extensive experience in educational leadership and innovation. She began her career as a teacher and has secured over $1.2 million in research funding to support student success and teaching excellence.

Chair of the AAUT Teaching Awards Committee
Emeritus Professor Nicolette Lee is the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education at La Trobe University. Over the past two decades, she has made significant contributions to the advancement and recognition of learning and teaching innovation in Australia. Her leadership includes national research grant programs, serving as a National Senior Teaching Fellow, and being a member of the executive committee for the Australian National Teaching Fellows Network. She also served as Deputy Chair of the Program Awards Committee from 2021-2024.

Introduce AAUT Career Achievement Awards Committee
A warm welcome to Dr Dee Halil, Senior Director Tertiary Education and Skills at Universities Australia, who joins the 2025 Career Achievement Award Committee.

Neville Bonner Award Campaign Update

This year, we launched the Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Campaign to raise awareness and encourage nominations of outstanding Indigenous educators.

So far, we have:

- Hosted the AAUT Neville Bonner Award Introduction Session (recording and slides)
- Invited DVC/PVC Indigenous leaders to register indigenous educators from each institutions as potential nominees.

 If your institution would like to register prospective nominees, please contact us at aaut@rmit.edu.au .

AAUT & UniSA Breakfast Series - Back in August

Now in its second year, our collaboration with UniSA's Teaching Innovation Unit continues to spotlight the work of AAUT recipients and foster innovative teaching practices across the sector.This series provides a valuable platforms for sharing insights, celebrating excellence, and inspiring educators nationwide.

August Feature Presentation

2024 Citation team recipient:

The Commencing Student Success Project Team (University of New England), will present on '**Using Universal Design for Learning principles and evidence-based strategies to build academics' capacity to enhance initial teacher education student engagement and retention in online learning'.** Register <u>here</u>.

WATCH THE RECORDING

April: <u>Indigenising the Curriculum recording</u>
May: <u>From Small Things, Big Things Grow recording</u>
June: <u>Effective Mastery Learning in the Era of Generative AI</u>

SAVE THE DATES

Teaching and Learning
Breakfast Series

10 APR	**PROF TRACEY BUNDA (UQ)** CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT
8 MAY	**A/PROF JOSEPHINE PAPARO (MQ)** CITATION RECIPIENT
26 JUN	**A/PROF CLAUDIA SZABO (UNI OF ADELAIDE)** TEACHING AWARD RECIPIENT
14 AUG	**THE COMMENCING STUDENT SUCCESS PROJECT (UNE)** CITATION RECIPIENT
11 SEPT	**DR BILL PLATZ (GRIFFITH UNI)** CITATION RECIPIENT
9 OCT	**STEM WIL PROGRAM (FLINDERS UNI)** PROGRAM AWARD RECIPIENT
13 NOV	**MR PAUL VAN OPDENBOSCH (QUT)** CITATION RECIPIENT

Share your AAUT story

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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: Critical Enabling Pedagogy Team

Over more than 10 years at UniSA College, Senior Lecturers A/Prof Sarah Hattam and Tanya Weiler have taught in South Australia's largest enabling program, where they have developed and championed the use of Critical Enabling Pedagogy (CEP) both institutionally and nationally.

Read Critical Enabling Pedagogy Information
Read A/Prof Sarah Hattam and Ms Tanya Weiler Profile
Watch Critical Enabling Pedagogy Team's Video

Get to know Neville Bonner Award Recipient: Professor Kerry Bodle

Professor Kerry Bodle is passionate about empowering young Indigenous people to see business as a potential career, indigenising the traditional business education curriculum and using community-led research to break down barriers and ensure success for Indigenous people, businesses and communities.

Read Professor Kerry Bodle's Profile
Watch Professor Kerry Bodle's Video

AAUT RESOURCES

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
- 2024 AAUT State-based Ceremonies photos and recordings here.

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