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AAUT Director's Update

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the August edition of the AAUT newsletter.

With the **2025 AAUT submission round opening on 25 August**, this is an exciting time for the sector as we continue to recognise and celebrate excellence in university teaching. I want to extend my sincere thanks to all those who contribute to this important work - whether you're preparing a nomination, serving as an assessor, or supporting colleagues behind the scenes.

We've been encouraged by the strong response to this year's Assessor Expression of Interest call and look forward to finalising assessor allocations by late September. Your willingness to support the AAUT process ensures the awards remain rigorous, inclusive, and sector-led.

To further foster collaboration, we're hosting our second Institutional Contact Officers Coffee Session on Thursday, 4 September 2025 - a great opportunity to connect with peers and share insights on the submission process.

This edition of the newsletter also highlights inspiring work from past recipients, including the **UniPrep Team at Edith Cowan University** and **Professor Benjamin Brown** from the **University of Southern Queensland**. Their achievements are a powerful reminder of the impact that passionate, inclusive educators have across classrooms and communities.

We're also excited to announce a new international collaboration with the **International Federation of National Teaching Fellows (IFNTF)**. This initiative will showcase Australian recipients on a global stage — another step forward in celebrating the leadership of Australian educators in teaching and learning.

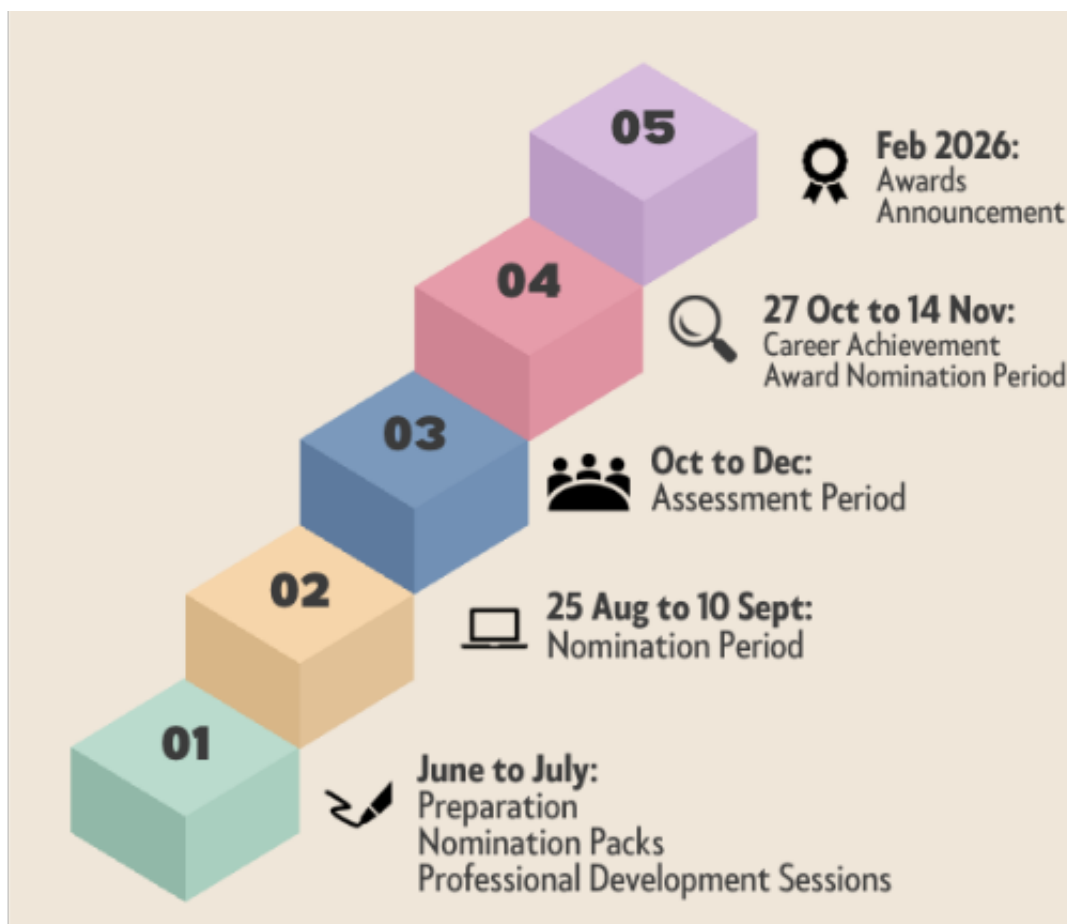
Finally, I invite you to share your AAUT journey with us. Your stories help us reflect on the value and impact of these awards and inspire others across the sector.

Thank you again for your continued support — and best wishes for a successful submission season.



Regards,
Professor Angela Carbone
AAUT Director

TIMELINE & KEY DATES



WHAT'S NEW?

Reminder: 2025 AAUT Nomination Period



Last week, all ICOs received the **2025 AAUT Awards Portal Instructions**. They also attended a Q&A session on Wednesday, 27 August 2025, which provided an opportunity to ask questions and clarify any aspect of the nomination process.

Missed a Profession Development 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](#)

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](#)

ICO Coffee Session #2

In response to high demand, we will be hosting **ICO Coffee Session #2**. Invitations have been distributed to all ICOs.

Don't forget to add it to your calendar!



AAUT Assessor Recruitment Update

A big thank you to the 30 DVCAs who have recommended assessors from their institutions. So far, we've received around **200 expressions of interest** from both returning and new assessors keen to participate in this year's assessment process.

Final assessor allocations will be confirmed in **late September**, based on the number of nominations received.

We appreciate your continued support!

A recruitment poster for the 2025 AAUT Assessor role. The left side features a photo of hands typing on a laptop. The right side is an orange graphic with the AAUT logo at the top. The main heading is 'BECOME A 2025 AAUT ASSESSOR'. Below this, it states that the awards recognize excellence in teaching since 1997. It lists benefits (Networking, Skill development, Sector contribution, Knowledge sharing, Supporting teaching quality) and assessor requirements (Leadership and expertise in learning and teaching, Understanding of the scholarship of education, Experience assessing awards or grants). It also includes assessment key dates: Early Oct: Assessor Briefing Sessions, 13 - 26 Oct: Individual Assessment, and 3 - 16 Nov: Collaborative Assessment. A note mentions that nominees are not eligible to assess this year. Contact information for AAUT-UA and aat@rmit.edu.au is provided at the bottom left.

Benefits

- Networking
- Skill development
- Sector contribution
- Knowledge sharing
- Supporting teaching quality

We're inviting expressions of interest now. Final selection will depend on nominations received by mid-September.
Note: Nominees this year are not eligible to assess.

More info [AAUT-UA](#) or aat@rmit.edu.au

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- Leadership and expertise in learning and teaching
- Understanding of the scholarship of education
- Experience assessing awards or grants

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AAUT and IFNTF Collaboration

We're thrilled to announce our collaboration with the International Federation of National Teaching Fellows (IFNTF) to showcase **AAUT recipients** on a global platform.

Established in 2016, IFNTF is an independent organisation made up of award-winning higher education teachers from around the world — educators who have received national recognition for their excellence in learning and teaching.

The IFNTF brings together these outstanding teachers to **share best practices** and **advance evidence-based pedagogy** in higher education. **Stay tuned** — more details coming soon!



AAUT & UniSA Breakfast Series -Three Sessions remaining

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 platform for sharing insights, celebrating excellence, and inspiring educators nationwide.

September Feature Presentation

We're excited to announce that **Dr Bill Platz** from **Griffith University**, a 2024 Citation recipient, will be delivering a presentation soon.

The topic and registration link will be available shortly on the [AAUTN website](#)—stay tuned!



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WATCH THE RECORDING


April: [Indigenising the Curriculum recording](#)

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

June: [Effective Mastery Learning in the Era of Generative AI](#)

Aug: [Using Universal Design for Learning principles and evidence-based strategies to build academics](#)

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



SHARE YOUR AAUT STORY

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 aaud@rmit.edu.au

RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT



Get to know Program Award Recipient: UNIPREP Team

Pathway programs play a vital role in enabling students to access higher education by providing preparation and entry opportunities for those who have experienced educational disadvantage or disruption.

Read [UniPrep Information](#)

Watch [UniPrep video](#)



Get to know 2022 Neville Bonner Award Recipient: Professor Benjamin Wilson

Professor Ben Wilson is a Jagera man from the southern suburbs of Meanjin (Brisbane), with his Country extending through Ipswich to Boonah. He teaches ecocentric education grounded in Indigenous ways of knowing and advocates for the power of First Nations knowledge to transform education systems.

Read [Professor Benjamin Wilson's Info](#)

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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