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Dear Colleagues

I would like to offer my personal congratulations to all the 2021 AAUT recipients and their institutions. I personally know how much work that is needed in the process of applying for these awards, and how satisfying it is to receive recognition for innovative practices. You should all feel very proud of yourselves and your teams. I also encourage those who were not successful this time around to reflect on the feedback that has been given and consider reapplying in the future.

It was great to have Campus Morning Mail publish the list of [2021 AAUT Program and Teaching Awards recipients](#). They also showcased Professor John Biggs, winner of the Career Achievement Award. Professor Biggs' model of constructive alignment for designing teaching and assessment to improve student learning has been adopted as standard in higher education and underpins much of what we do. If you have missed it, the Universities Australia video announcement is available on [AAUT-UA](#) webpage.

I am very pleased to announce that the AAUT will continue to run this year, and will be funded through a collaborative universities approach. The current AAUT Awards Team will continue to manage all aspects of the national awards program.

This year, the focus will be on:

- Development of a professional capability program, including tailored support for the Neville Bonner and Early Career categories.
- Detailed briefing sessions for ICOs, applicants and assessors.
- Raising the profile of two underrepresented categories in the Program Award
 - Category 2: Collaborative educational partnerships and
 - Category 4: WIL programs that enhance students' employability.
- Realignment of assessment matrix and assessment criteria.

Earlier this year, I was invited to speak at an OECD webinar. I was part of an expert panel from the Asia-Pacific region discussing policy to foster 21st Century Skills in Higher Education. I enjoyed showcasing the AAUT awards program and also hearing about policy initiatives from other Asia-Pacific regions. The webinar can be found here: [AAUT-Recognising Education Excellence and Innovation](#).

As we move forward into a more normalised year of teaching and in most universities welcome back students onto our campuses, I encourage you to start supporting potential AAUT applicants in your institutions. My team and I look forward to working with you again this year.

Regards,
Angela

For regular updates about the AAUT awards

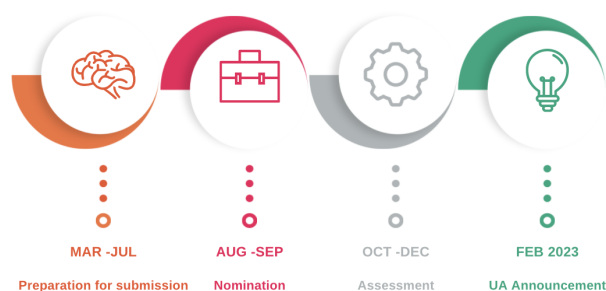
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Note: Awards Team is currently working from home, please email us and we'll get back to you.

2022 TIMELINE



2022 AAUT Key Dates

Release Nominations Information Pack: 2 May 2022

Phase 1: Nominee registration – 15 to 26 August 2022

Phase 2: Upload submission – 5 to 16 September 2022

Click [here](#) for the 2022 AAUT key dates.

2021 AAUT UPDATE

What's next for 2021 AAUT?

- Successful Program and Teaching awards recipients will receive information from Universities Australia regarding the prize money by the end of March.
- Detailed feedback to all nominees will be sent to each Institutional Contact Officer (ICO) for distribution on Monday 28 March 2022.
- Certificates will be sent to either state-based ceremony host institution or your ICO for distribution.

2021 AAUT Assessment Report

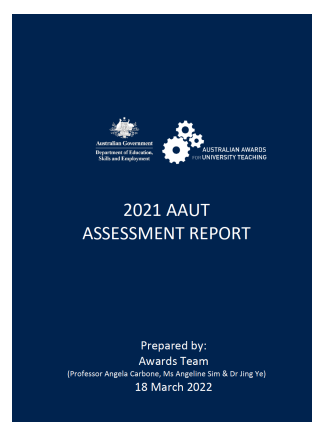
We would like to thank the 38 institutions for their participation in the 2021 AAUT. See the table below for a summary of the 2021 nomination.

| Nomination Summary | Citations | Program Awards | Teaching Awards | Teacher of the Year | Career Achievement Award | Total |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Nominations | 131 | 20 | 33 | | 9 | 193 |
| Awarded | 78 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 93 |

Assessment Report

The Assessment report comprises of an assessment summary, general comments from the assessment panels on nominations and key recommendations to the sector; as well as summary of the awards outcome.

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This summary outlines the evaluation results gathered from ICOs and assessment panels. We are working hard to improve the scheme based on your suggestions.

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2021 AAUT Awarards Evaluation Summary

This summary outlines the 2021 round of the Australian Awards for University Teaching evaluation results gathered from Institution Contact Officers (ICOs) and assessment panels. The evaluation aims to provide the sector with an opportunity to provide feedback and to make suggestions for improvement on the awards scheme.

EVALUATION RATING OVERVIEW

As a feedback, this table provides an overall satisfaction rating on the key evaluation areas.

| Key Evaluation Areas | ICO (all responses) | Assessment Panels (all responses) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Process | Extremely and very satisfied rating % | Extremely and very satisfied rating % |
| Information Pack | Extremely and very satisfied rating % | Extremely and very satisfied rating % |
| Communication | Extremely and very satisfied rating % | Extremely and very satisfied rating % |
| Awards Panel (BPP/ANU/UL) | Extremely and very satisfied rating % | Extremely and very satisfied rating % |
| Awards Team | Extremely and very satisfied rating % | Extremely and very satisfied rating % |
| Awards Scheme | Extremely and very satisfied rating % | Extremely and very satisfied rating % |

Legend: 100% = 100% (all responses)

SOME SUGGESTIONS:

- Provide more clarity on Awards Scheme Panel and regular submission process.
- Assign specific Award members to each award.
- Provide clarity on award of value and nomination criteria.
- More support for applicants at individual level to ensure the national benchmarks.

Overall, the assessment panels indicated that the quality of the 2021 nominations has improved from previous years and demonstrated that some improvement.

- Increased more work.
- Should have benefited from better advice and support for development prior to submission.
- Should reflect on standard teaching rather than good teaching.

SOME FEEDBACK:

2021 round of AAUT awards is that excellence in education is acknowledged. This is important for Australian education as we need our universities to be world-leading, and to do so we must take a student-centred approach, and these values underpin the award's objectives being used in Australia to support our universities.

AAUT assessment shows the greater expertise and understanding of the contributors of others, which provides a broader view of university excellence that is not confined to growth and strong financial performance of the AAUT members from university.

"The best aspect of the AAUT awards is the benefit of the personal reflection process in recognizing your own work, worth and contribution to the HE sector in an achievement on any positive outcome."

2021 AAUT AWARD EVALUATION RESULTS SUMMARY

State-Based Ceremony

2021 AAUT STATE-BASED CEREMONY

Thanks to the hosting institutions for celebrating the achievement of the 2021 recipients.

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WA Ceremony
Host by

TBC
VIC/TAS Ceremony
Host by

TBC
SA Ceremony
Host by

For Queensland and New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory institutions, if you are interested in hosting the state based ceremony this year, please get in touch with the AAUT Awards Team.



With Universities Australia (UA) confirmation that AAUT Awards will run again this year, we encourage you to start identifying and working with potential applicants from your institution on their submission.

Awards Categories

The awards categories remain unchanged.

| Award Types | CITATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO STUDENT LEARNING | AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE | AWARDS FOR PROGRAM THAT ENHANCE LEARNING |
|--|--|--|---|
| Discipline Categories Choose ONE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural and Physical Science, Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies Engineering, Information Technology, Architecture and Building Health Education Business, Management and Commerce Society and Culture Creative Arts Multi-disciplinary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural and Physical Science, Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies Engineering, Information Technology, Architecture and Building Health Education Business, Management and Commerce Society and Culture Creative Arts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student experience that supports diversity and inclusive practices Collaborative educational partnerships in learning and teaching. Curriculum transformation and innovative pedagogy. Work Integrated Learning (WIL) programs that value and enhance student employability. |
| Nomination Categories Choose ONE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Career Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education Sessional staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Career Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education | |

Maximum submission and award number

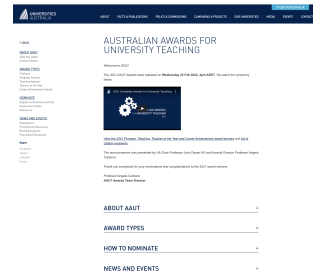
The maximum number of submissions per institution and total awards remain unchanged.

| Maximum number of | Citations | Program Awards | Teaching Awards | Career Achievement Award |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Submission per institution | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Total Awards | Up to 100 | 4 | 9 | 1 or more |

The maximum number of submissions is inclusive of the Neville Bonner Award

AAUTN Mentor Scheme

The [AAUTN Award Mentor Scheme](#) draws on the skills and experience of Australian Teaching Award winners. To date, there are 50 registered mentors from 15 institutions, who have volunteered to act as mentors for future awards applicants.



Check out [AAUT-UA website](#) for a range of

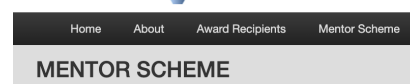
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- Past awards ceremony booklets
- Past recipients video series

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