



AUSTRALIAN AWARDS  
FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING

# Australian Awards for University Teaching ICO Briefing Session

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# Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to Elders past and present. I extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people joining us online.



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# Agenda

- Changes to 2026 AAUT
- ICO roles and responsibilities
- Key dates
- Award types
- Nomination Process
- Assessment Process
- Q&A



# Changes to 2026 AAUT

- Universities Australia in-house model.
- New program team and contact details.
- No changes to program content.



# ICO role and responsibilities



## Main point of contact

You are the main point of contact for your institution.



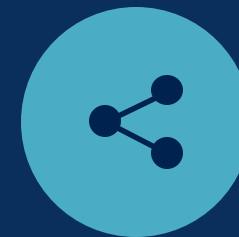
## Upload nominations

You are responsible for uploading the nominations onto the Awards Portal.



## Promote the awards

You are responsible for promoting the awards within your institution.



## Share updates

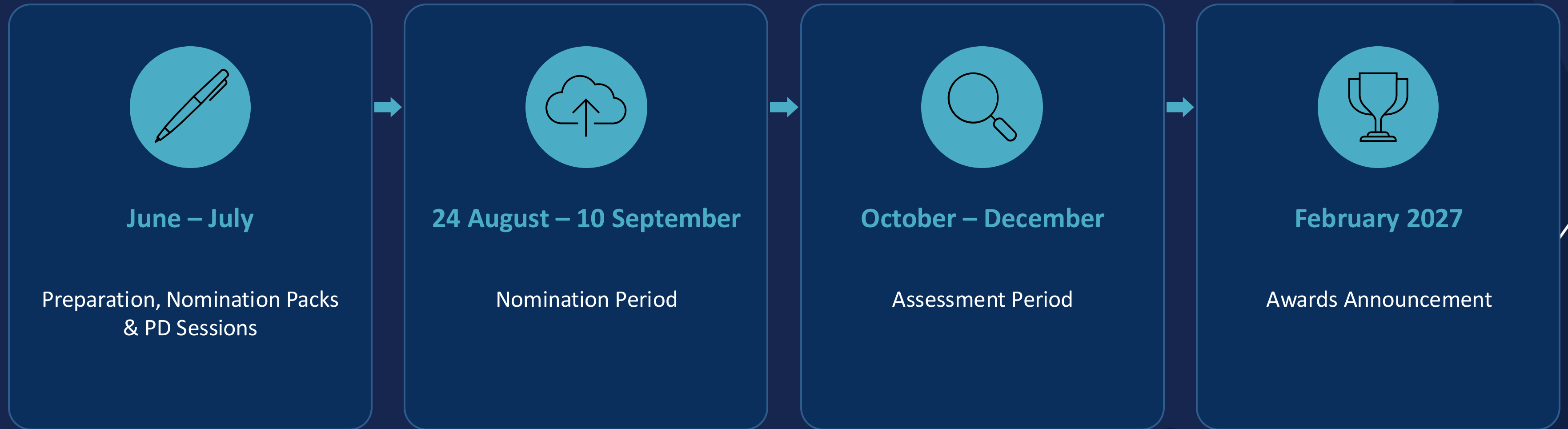
You are responsible for sharing any updates with your nominees.



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# Key dates



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# Award types



## Citations

- 8 Discipline categories
- 3 Nomination categories
- Max. 6 submissions per institution



## Program Awards

- 4 Nomination categories
- Max. 2 submission per institution



## Teaching Awards

- 7 Discipline categories
- 2 Nomination categories
- Max. 3 submission per institution

1 winner will also be awarded the Teacher of the Year Award



## Career Achievement Award

- Nominated by Vice Chancellors
- Max. 1 submission per institution



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# Award requirements

## Citations for outstanding contributions to student learning

### 1. Select an appropriate discipline category:

- Natural and Physical Sciences, Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies.
- Engineering, Information Technology, Architecture and Building.
- Health
- Education
- Business, Management and Commerce
- Society and Culture
- Creative Arts
- Multi-Disciplinary

### 2. If applicable, select a nomination category:

- Early Career
- Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education.
- For sessional staff

### 3. Then choose one subcategory which best reflects the contribution.

- Approaches to teaching and/or the support of learning that influence, motivate, and inspire students to learn.
- Development of curricula, resources or service that reflect a command of the field.
- Effective assessment practices that bring about improvements in student learning, may have a focus on academic integrity or digital solutions.
- Innovation or leadership that has the influence and enhanced learning and teaching and/or student experience



# Award requirements

## Awards for programs that enhance learning (program awards)

### 1. Select an appropriate category:

- Student experience that supports diversity and inclusive practices.
- Collaborative educational partnerships in learning and teaching.
- Curriculum transformation and innovative pedagogy.
- Work Integrated Learning programs that value and enhance employability.

### 2. Provide responses to all 4 selection criteria:

- Positively impacted on student learning, student engagement or the overall student experience for a period of no less than 3 years.
- Gained recognition from colleagues, the institution, and/or the broader community.
- Shown creativity, imagination and/or innovation, irrespective of whether the approach involves traditional learning environments or technology-based developments.
- Drawn on the scholarly literature on teaching, and learning to inform the development of initiatives, programs and/or practice.

# Award requirements

## Awards for teaching excellence (Teaching Awards)

1. **Select an appropriate discipline category:**
  - Natural and Physical Sciences, Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies.
  - Engineering, Information Technology, Architecture and Building.
  - Health
  - Education
  - Business, Management and Commerce
  - Society and Culture
  - Creative Arts
2. **If applicable, select a nomination category:**
  - Early Career
  - Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education.
3. **Provide responses to all 4 sub-category criteria:**
  - Approaches to teaching and/or the support of learning that influence, motivate, and inspire students to learn.
  - Development of curricula, resources or service that reflect a command of the field.
  - Effective assessment practices that bring about improvements in student learning, may have a focus on academic integrity or digital solutions.
  - Innovation or leadership that has influenced and enhanced learning and teaching and/or student experience
4. **Provide responses to all 4 selection criteria:**
  - Positively impacted on student learning, student engagement or the overall student experience for a period of no less than 3 years.
  - Gained recognition from colleagues, the institution, and/or the broader community.
  - Shown creativity, imagination and/or innovation, irrespective of whether the approach involves traditional learning environments or technology-based developments.
  - Drawn on the scholarly literature on teaching, and learning to inform the development of initiatives, programs and/or practice.

# Award requirements

## Career Achievement Award

**Vice-Chancellors are invited to nominate one individual who meets the following criteria:**

- An individual that has made an outstanding contribution to learning and teaching.
- Been recognised for the impact they had on the higher education sector.
- Achieved accomplishments that have had a major influence and left an enduring legacy.
- Served in higher education for at 25 years.

**The nomination link will be sent to each Vice-Chancellors in October. Each nomination must include:**

- Nominee's details.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- Summary (max 500 words) outlining the nominee's recognition, achievements, contributions and impact on higher education.



# Neville Bonner Award

Recognising exceptional contributions to Indigenous teaching and learning within higher education.

## Who is eligible — and what's involved

- Indigenous educators can apply individually or as a team, for either a Teaching Excellence Award or a Citation.
- Citations are a shorter application than the full Teaching Award.
- Applicants need at least 3 years of teaching, with evidence available to support the claims.
- Every application must demonstrate impact through a clear narrative.



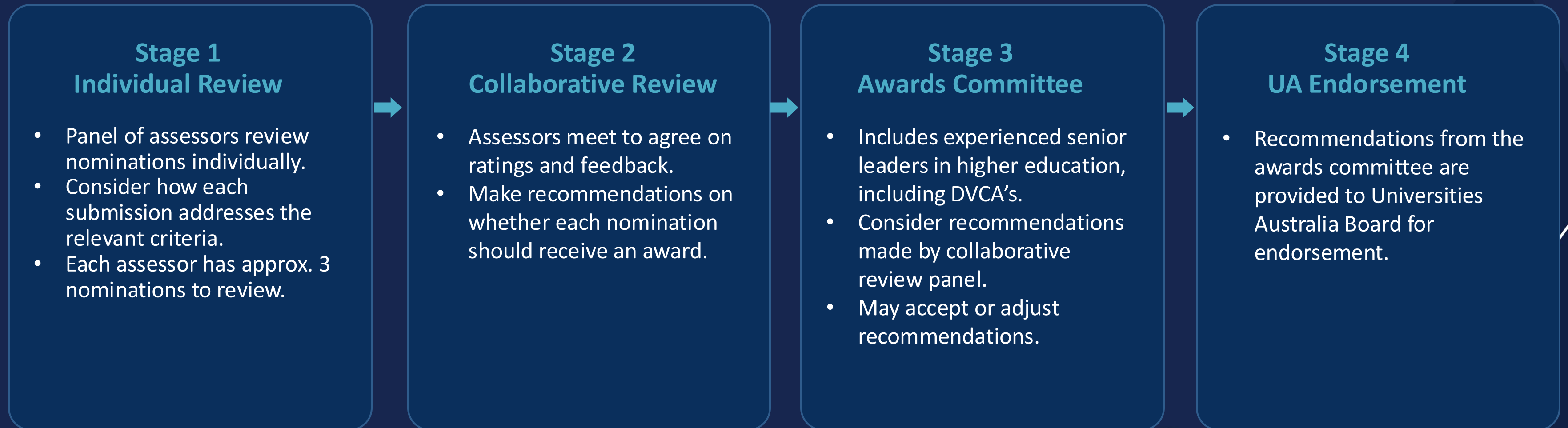
# Nomination process

## **Nomination period 24 August – 10 September**

- ICO's submit nominations via the AAUT Awards Portal.
- ICOs may use the sample nomination forms to gather nominee information & endorsements in preparation for submission.
- Awards Portal Q&A session will run at the start of the nomination period.
- Nominations can be edited after submission until the deadline.



# Assessment process





Thank you

