Dear Colleagues

We hope you are enjoying the eased COVID-19 restrictions.

While the sector welcomes some support from the Government, such as the $350 million Higher Education State Investment Fund announced by the Victorian Government earlier this month, universities are still facing continuing challenges.

Many are considering ways to address their current financial position and are examining the framework negotiated by sector representatives and the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU). Whilst some have made the decision to participate, others have decided not to for various reasons. Whatever the decision, universities are acting in the best interest of their people and planning their recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

During these times, academics are putting in an incredible effort to adjust their teaching often in very short timeframes, for a smooth transition to online learning or return to face to face delivery. To acknowledge the contribution of our stellar academics, we encourage institutions to nominate their staff for an AAUT award.

AAUT recognises our exemplary university educators for their creativity, innovation and leadership in learning and teaching. We value your institution's continuous support for this prestigious award to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our academics.

We look forward to receiving your institution’s nominations.

Professor Angela Carbone
AAUT Awards Team Director

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Timeline & Key Dates

COUNTDOWN to Nominee Registration:

- Phase 1: Nominee Registration
  
  Monday 24th Aug to Friday 4th Sept

- Phase 2: Submission Upload
  
  Monday 14th Sept to Friday 25th Sept

Click [here](#) for the 2020 AAUT Key dates.

AAUT UPDATE

Nomination FAQ

A summary of frequently asked questions.

AAUTN Mentor Scheme

The [AAUTN Award Mentor Scheme](#) draws on the skills and experience of Australian Teaching Award winners. To date, there are 42 registered mentors who have volunteered to act as mentors for future awards applicants, including 2018 and 2019 Teaching Award recipients.

Email Security

To ensure ICOs and assessors are receiving all emails promptly from the Awards Portal (SPARKPLUS), we strongly suggest ICO to contact your institution IT centre to release any email from no_reply@sparkplus.com.au and support@sparkplus.com.au.

Assessor Recruitment
In June, we will be seeking recommendations from all institutional DVCAs (or equivalent) for suitably experienced assessors, and will be contacting past AAUT assessors. If you are interested in being involved as an assessor, please contact your DVCA.

Some benefits of being a national Teaching Award assessor:

- Network and collaborate with colleagues from different institutions
- Professional development
- Ability to further contribute to the sector – to "give back"
- Ability to bring knowledge gained back into the institution
- Improve the quality and status of teaching and learning in higher education

Some feedback from 2019 AAUT Assessors:

"Team assessment aspect was really rewarding – great to meet new people from diverse backgrounds."

"It is always such a pleasure to be involved in the AAUT Awards Scheme because it reminds me how many amazing academics we have in this country, doing innovative and interesting things to engage student."

AAUT Resources

2020 AAUT Nomination Information Packs
2020 Nomination Instructions and Forms are now available to download from the AAUT-UA website or click here (Dropbox).
Promotion Campaign
To expand the range of disciplines represented in the AAUT, use the brochures below to promote the awards in your institution:

- **AAUT Overview**
- **Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education**
- **Global Citizenship & Internationalisation**
- **Postgraduate Education**

**SUGGESTIONS ON WRITING A SUCCESSFUL AWARD APPLICATION**

Below are some suggestions from the assessors and awards committees on writing a successful application:

1. **Preparation**
   - Make sure that the application form is clear and easy to read.
   - Ensure that all required information is included and accurately filled.

2. **Select related category**
   - Ensure that the application is in the correct category and closely aligns with the criteria.
   - Make sure that the project is not only relevant to the field but also to the institution.

3. **Application Writing**
   - Use clear and concise language.
   - Avoid jargon and technical terms that may not be familiar to the assessors.
   - Include a well-structured outline that highlights the key points.

4. **Selection Criteria**
   - Understand the selection criteria for the award.
   - Use the selection criteria as a guide for writing the application.

5. **Provide evidence of the benefits**
   - Explain how the project will benefit the institution and its community.
   - Include examples of how the project will impact the students and the institution.

6. **Tips on writing a successful award application**
   - Click on the image to download.

Institutional Contact Officer (ICO)
See [here](#) for the updated ICO list. Please let us know of changes.

Learning and Teaching Repository
It contains a collection of higher education learning and teaching materials flowing from projects funded by the Australian Government from 1994 to 2018.
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