Dear Colleagues

I hope you are all well and staying safe.

Unfortunately for us, Victorians, we are experiencing significant community transmission of the corona virus, which has resulted in a number of areas, reverting to local lockdown.

This month, we see the sector digesting Education Minister’s Dan Tehan new course funding model. Changes are proposed to student and Commonwealth contributions which claim to provide extra funding for 39,000 university places by 2023. Universities are also awaiting details around the Job-ready Graduates: Higher Education Reform Package, but are pleased to hear the announcement of a pilot program aimed at allowing international students to return to Australia.

There has never been a time when so many academics have spent so much time rethinking their pedagogy as right now. Our teaching is being dramatically re-thought, and academic staff are genuinely engaging with new forms of online delivery and technologies. To acknowledge those who are doing incredibly interesting things to support their students’ learning, I 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. With the onset of COVID-19 many academics have truly engaged with online learning, lectures have been re-invented, technology affordances have been embraced, laboratories have been redesigned for asynchronous delivery, and many have had to rethink assessment. Now, more than ever, is the time, to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our academics.

My team and I look forward to receiving your institution’s nominations.

Professor Angela Carbone
AAUT Awards Team Director
For regular updates about the AAUT awards
Follow Angela Carbone twitter (@angelacarbone41)
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

2020 Prize Money

We are pleased to confirm that winners of both Teaching and Program awards will receive $15,000 prizemoney in recognition of their contribution to teaching and learning in higher education. The winner of the prestigious award for Australian University Teacher of the Year will receive an additional $20,000.

Assessor Recruitment

The assessor recruitment is under way. Your institution DVCA has received an invite to recommend up to 10 potential assessors. As the recommendation list may vary from year to year, we encourage your institution to provide the names for this year (previously recommended and new recommendation). If you are interested in being involved, please contact your DVCA office.

Click on the image to download AAUT Assessor Information Brochure

AAUTY Video Series:

We are delighted to have the recipients of the 2019 and 2018 Australian Awards for University Teacher of the Year (AAUTY), sharing their journey of winning the awards and some encouragement to the aspiring applicants.

2019 Australian University Teacher of the Year
Get ready for Submission

1. ICO's Roles

One of the key roles of ICO is to upload all of their institution's nominations via the Awards Portal with the allocated account ID and password. Each institution is allocated with a single account ID.

On **Friday 21st Aug**, ICO will receive the allocated account ID, temporary password as well as the 2020 AAUT Awards Portal Nomination Submission Instructions on how to access the portal. Please see the ICO list below and notify the Awards Team of any changes.

2. Reminder: Email Security

Remember to get in touch with your institution IT centre to release any email from no_reply@sparkplus.com.au and support@sparkplus.com.au
The South Australia and Northern Territory Promoting Excellence Network (SANTPEN) is having their annual workshop, known as ‘Uplift’ via Zoom on Thursday 9th July. It is designed for prospective AAUT applicants who are keen to take their institutional award to the national level. This is an invite only event for eligible institutions in SA and NT. This year, Professor Angela Carbone will be speaking about AAUT and her journey with the awards.

2019 Citation Certificates and Awards Ceremony Booklets

With the current working remotely arrangement, the 2019 Citation certificates and Awards Ceremony booklets will be mailed out later on to either state-based host or to the respective ICOs.

AAUTN Mentor Scheme

The AAUTN Award Mentor Scheme draws on the skills and experience of Australian Teaching Award winners who have volunteered to be part of the scheme. Check out the new mentors.

AAUT Resources

2020 ISSOTL Fellows

ISSoTL Fellows is now linked to the AAUTN website. Click on the image to see 2020 cohort of ISSoTL Fellows.
2020 AAUT Nomination Information Packs

2020 Nomination Instructions and Forms are now available to download from the AAUT-UA website or click [here](Dropbox).

AAUT-UA website

For all AAUT related information.

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

Institutional Contact Officer (ICO)

See [here](ICO) for the updated ICO list.
Tips on writing a successful award application

Click on the image to download.