AAUT Awards Team Director

Dear Colleagues,

As a Victorian resident I am enjoying Spring weather and the opening up of our state. I look forward to experiencing the freedoms that our NSW colleagues are currently enjoying, and that other states tend to take as normal.

This month I would like to acknowledge the work currently being undertaken by our large group of volunteer assessors. They are busy reviewing the close to 200 award submissions across all categories. Many assessors have reported that they value this experience because it contributes to their own professional development. And it is encouraging to see many return assessors who have participated throughout these four years. November will also be a busy month where they will meet and agree on the final nominations. We fully appreciate their experienced judgement and contribution to the program.

I also would like to thank Professor Shirley Alexander for presenting at our Assessors’ Briefing Session. We had 91 attendees from 35 institutions attended the session. It was well received with participants appreciating her insights from the years of experience as the Chair of the Teaching Awards Committee.

I remind Vice-Chancellors (VCs) that the portal for submitting recommendations for the Career Teaching Award is now open. This award recognises outstanding and influential academics who have more than 25 years’ service. All VCs should have received the nomination form at the end of October. Please contact the team if it did not make it to your inbox.

Lastly, I was recently invited to provide a commentary for the Journal of University Teaching and Learning Practice (JUTLP) on the overview, benefits of AAUT, and the challenge going forward. Click on the link to read more - "The value of the Australian Awards for University Teachers (AAUT): Building and maintaining excellence in teaching and learning across the nation”.

Professor Angela Carbone
AAUT Awards Team Director
Click [here](#) for the 2021 AAUT Key dates.

**AAUT UPDATE**

**UA Announcement of recipients**

With the ongoing COVID situation, Universities Australia (UA) will be formally announcing this round AAUT recipients virtually on **Wednesday 23th February 2022, 4pm AEDT.** More details to come.

**UA Conference 2022**

The 2022 Universities Australia Conference will be held on July 7-8. Hopefully, we are able to revert to a real-time, face to face event (within current government COVID guidelines). Click [here](#) for more information.

**Assessment Process Update**

The assessment process is underway. In November, the assessors will meet virtually to finalise the outcome to the awards committee.

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**Career Achievement Award**

Since 2020, Universities Australia has reinstated the Career Achievement Award. This award is occasionally awarded to one or more individuals who have:
Made an outstanding contribution to learning and teaching
Had a major influence and left an enduring legacy
Been recognised throughout the higher education sector.

Click on the brochure for the nomination timeline. And the online nomination form link was sent to all VCs on Friday 29 October 2021.

One nomination per institution

Requirements:
- Nominee’s details and CV
- List the nominee’s recognition, achievements, contributions and impact to higher education (500 words)

ICOs Evaluation Survey is now closed
Thank you all those ICOs who have taken the time to provide feedback on their experience. We are in the process of collating the feedback and will provide a summary at a later date.

Check out AAUT-UA website for a range of
- Promotional resources, like brochures, video series
- Nominees resources
- Past newsletters
- Institutional Contact Officers (ICOs) list

Click on the images for details

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