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FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING

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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"](#).

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AAUT Awards Team Director



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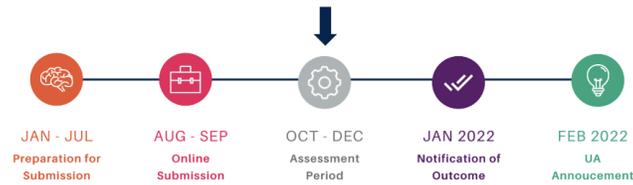
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Note: Awards Team is currently
working from home, please
email us and we'll get back to
you.

2021 Timeline



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.

Time	Task	Explanation
Oct	Individual Assessment	: Each assessor will review the assigned nominations.
Nov	Review Team's Comments	: Each assessor will review assessments made by their team members.
	Collaborative Assessment	: Assessors will meet online to agree on final ratings and feedback.
Dec	Awards Committee	: The Awards Committees will be responsible for confirming and endorsing the ratings.
Jan/Feb 2022	UA Board	: Universities Australia (UA) Board UA Board will sign-off by the final recipients list.

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:



Since 2021, Universities Australia has awarded the Career Achievement Award. The award, introduced in 2007, is presented annually to a number of Australian university staff.

- Made an outstanding contribution to learning and teaching.
- Been recognised for the impact they have had on the higher education sector.
- Achievements of major national and/or international significance.
- Contributed to higher education capacity for at least 20 years.

PAST CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 2020: Professor Tracy Biney (Deakin)
- 2019: Professor Sally Kuhl
- 2018: Professor Paul Tharion (Deakin)
- 2017: Professor Elizabeth John Hay AC

ABSTRACT

Professor Tracy Biney has been recognised in academic integrity in the committee of ethical academic practice. The award is based on the field of academic integrity research. The work identified the subject of problems such as contract cheating which she tackled head-on. In 2020, Tracy covered the full subject continuum on an individual integrity in 2020 with changes from the University of Melbourne to the University of Queensland, and then in 2021, she was the lead author of the first ever Code of Conduct for the University of Queensland. Tracy is also a member of the Executive Board of the International Centre for Academic Integrity, and an Advisory Board member of the Australian Association for Academic Integrity.

Tracy's standing in the field of academic integrity research was recognised nationally and internationally. She was the recipient of four major research grants funded by the Australian Government Office for Learning and Teaching, with a total value of more than \$800,000. Tracy's 2018 research study on contract cheating within Australian universities included the highest ranking in terms of academic and teaching staff.

Tracy's research into academic integrity was broad ranging and included teaching and learning, pedagogical ethics and research integrity. Tracy was a co-author to the ACU's 2016 Code of Ethics, and was the Chair in a field of the Handbook of Academic Integrity (2019). For most of her academic career she taught at the VUWS Business School where she supervised a number of students for teaching. From 2015, Tracy was an Adjunct Professor for Career Counselors, and she also consulted with the Victorian energy and education. Tracy passed away in October 2020.

HOW TO NOMINATE

View the call to nominate and nominate your staff colleague via the online 2021 AAUT Career Achievement Award Nomination Form available at <https://www.aaut.edu.au/2021>

TIMELINE

Now to 31 Oct	1 Nov to 30 Nov	Dec 2021	22 Feb 2022
Preparation	Online Nomination	Assessment Period	Awards Announcement

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- 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.

AAUT RESOURCES

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AWARD TYPES

HOW TO NOMINATE

NEWS AND EVENTS

Check out [AAUT-UA website](https://www.aaut-ua.edu.au) 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



Learning and Teaching Repository

Spotlight

Microcredentials

May 2021

This Spotlight highlights key publications on the topic of microcredentials. In the light of increased activity and Australian Government policy initiatives, it provides an overview of this issue and related conversations, with links to deeper reading.

From the Learning & Teaching Repository

Effective education standards in a disrupted learning environment
Christine Egan

This report outlines practice and possible future developments for Australia in disrupted higher education. Based on evidence consultation, it identifies the challenges they pose to traditional approaches to quality assurance.

21st-century skills: a new paradigm of quality assurance
Carmel Conroy and Peter Houghton

This seminal project provided a focus on the effectiveness and potential pitfalls of microcredentials, considering across the sector nationally and globally to find new, efficient methods to award outcomes and standards.

Analysis of 19 case studies against 7 criteria for excellent credentials that:

1. demonstrate achievement of appropriate outcomes and standards
2. are based on judgements of risk evidence collected in response to authentic assignments
3. include student money invested by the learner with benefits realised
4. are transferable

Make microcredentials work for learners, employers and providers

A report by Emerita Professor Beverly Oliver defines a micro-credential as a certificate of assessed learning that is evidence, alternative, competency or a component part of a formal qualification.

It also highlights the potential role for RMIT's International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) as a classification for mapping education programmes and qualifications.

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Micro Credentials Spotlight



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SEARCH

Enter any keywords to search (e.g. First name, last name, institution and/or awarded year, awards type)



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Awarded Year | 2020
Awards Type | Teaching Award
University | Monash University
Current Position | Professor, School of Education
Discipline | Education
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Online Profile | View



Associate Professor Michael Cowling

Awarded Year | 2020
Awards Type | Teaching Award
University | QUT University Australia
Current Position | Associate Professor in Information & Communication Technology
Discipline | Physical Sciences (Specifically Computer Science)
Email | m.cowling@qut.edu.au
Online Profile | View



Associate Professor Jack T.H. Wang

Awarded Year | 2020
Awards Type | Teacher of the Year
University | The University of Queensland
Current Position | Associate Professor in School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences
Discipline | Science
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Online Profile | View



Dr Amanda White

Awarded Year | 2020
Awards Type | Teaching Award
University | University of Technology Sydney
Current Position | Senior Lecturer, Accounting Discipline
Discipline | Business, Law and Commerce
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Online Profile | View



Professor Blake McKimmie

Awarded Year | 2019
Awards Type | Teaching Award
University | University of Queensland
Current Position | Professor in School of Psychology (Senior Fellow, Higher Education Academy UK) (Principal Practitioner - Student Learning)
Discipline | Humanities and Social Sciences
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