



AUSTRALIAN AWARDS  
FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING

## NEWSLETTER

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### AAUT Awards Team Director

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to thank you for your support throughout another challenging year. I am very pleased that we have once more managed to deliver a successful round of national awards.

This month I would like to acknowledge the work of the 159 AAUT assessors. In particular, the 20 assessors who have supported us throughout these last four years. They all have volunteered their time and willingly contributed their expertise to allow us to continue with the program. We could not have done this without all of you.

This year, we have received nine Career Achievement Award nominations. These individuals are being nominated for their significant and impactful contribution to teaching and learning that has been sustained over 25 years. The name of the winning nomination will be released in a formal announcement by UA, on Wednesday, 23 Feb 2022, 4pm AEDT. Thank you to all VCs who contributed the nominations.

I am honoured to have been invited to present virtually at the QUT Teaching Excellence Showcase on Learner Engagement in Challenging Times on 1 December. The video link for this presentation will be available in the next newsletter after the event and on the AAUT-UA webpage.

Finally, the AAUT Awards Team will be on leave from Thursday 23 December 2021 to Wednesday 12 January 2022.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season break, and look forward to returning in 2022 to complete the current Awards round.

Professor Angela Carbone  
**AAUT Awards Team Director**



*For regular updates  
about the AAUT awards*

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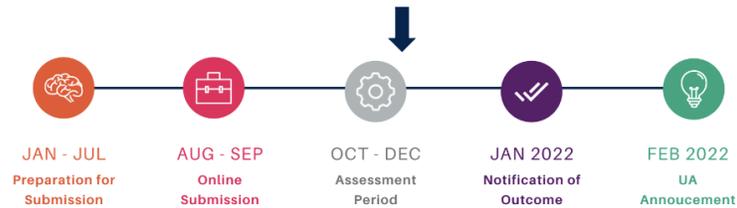
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*Note: Awards Team is currently  
working from home, please  
email us and we'll get back to  
you.*

## 2021 Timeline



Click [here](#) for the 2021 AAUT Key dates.

## AAUT UPDATE



### Notification of Outcome date – Wednesday 16 Feb 2022

Universities Australia (UA) Board of Directors will endorse and sign-off on the final AAUT Award recipients list by early February 2022. The notification of outcome to all institutions is planned to be released on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022. All results will be under embargo until UA formally announce on Wednesday, 23 February 2022, 4pm AEDT online. More details to come.

### Acknowledgement to Assessors

A big thank you to this year's [159 AAUT assessors](#) for their contributions. From 2018 to 2021, we have [609 assessors](#) who assessed over 700 submissions. They have volunteered their time and to give back to AAUT. Among them, there are [20 assessors](#) who have continuously support the awards over the four years.



### Assessment Process Update

In December, the Awards Committees will meet virtually to finalise the outcome for [Universities Australia \(UA\) Board of Directors](#) to endorse and sign-off on the

Time	Task	Explanation
Dec	<b>Awards Committee</b>	: The Awards Committees will be responsible for confirming and endorsing the ratings.
Early Feb 2022	<b>UA Board</b>	: Universities Australia (UA) Board UA Board will sign-off by the final recipients list.

### Assessor Survey is now open

The Assessor Evaluation Survey link has been sent to all assessors. The survey will close on Friday 17 December 2021.



### Career Achievement Award Nomination is now closed

This year, we have received nine nominations for the Career Achievement Award. The Career Achievement Award Committee, Chaired by Professor Sally Kift, 2017 Career Achievement Award recipient, together with the Mr Mike Teece, UA Academic Policy Director; and Professor Angela Carbone, AAUT Awards Director, will shortlist the recipient(s), will shortlist the recipient(s). Thereafter, UA Board of Directors will decide on the final recipient(s). The recipient(s) will be formally announced together with the AAUT awards.

### CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD COMMITTEE



**Professor Sally Kift (Chair)**

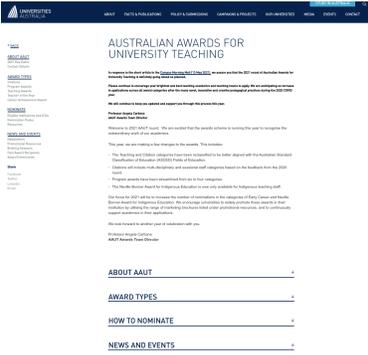


**Professor Angela Carbone**  
AAUT Director



**Mr Mike Teece**  
Universities Australia  
Academic Policy Director

## AAUT RESOURCES



Check out [AAUT-UA website](#) for a range of

- Past newsletters
- Past awards ceremony booklets
- Past recipients video series

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**Professor Matt Bower**  
Awarded Year | 2020  
Awards Type | Teaching Award  
University | Macquarie University  
Current Position | Professor, School of Education  
Discipline | Education  
Email | matt.bower@mq.edu.au  
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**Associate Professor Michael Cowling**  
Awarded Year | 2020  
Awards Type | Teaching Award  
University | CQUniversity Australia  
Current Position | Associate Professor in Information & Communication Technology  
Discipline | Physical Sciences (specifically Computer Science)  
Email | m.cowling@cqu.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  
Email | j.wang@uq.edu.au  
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  
Email | Amanda.W@uts.edu.au  
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**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 - blended Learning  
Discipline | Humanities and Social Sciences  
Email | b.mckimmie@uq.edu.au  
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## 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 as it relates to universities, with links to deeper reading.

#### From the Learning & Teaching Repository

**Higher education standards in a disrupted learning environment**  
Christine Ewen  
This report outlines priorities and possible future developments for Australia in disrupted higher education. Based on national consultations, it identifies the challenges that pose to traditional approaches to quality assurance.

**21C credentials: Final report of the IATEL strategic priority project**  
Curtin, credential and care forward digital learning evidence  
This seminal project prompted a focus on the affordances and potential pitfalls of microcredentials, networking across the sector nationally and globally to find new, efficient methods to warrant outcomes and standards.

**Case studies: Sector 21C credentials: Evaluating the promise, pitfalls and disruptive potential of digital credentials**  
Analysis of 19 case studies against 5 criteria for excellent credentials that:  
1. communicate achievement of appropriate outcomes and standards  
2. are based on judgements of rich evidence created in response to authentic assessments  
3. maximize assessment integrity  
4. balance time and money invested by the learner with benefits realized  
5. are sustainable

**Making micro-credentials work for learners, employers and providers**  
A report by Emeritus Professor Beverly Oliver defines a micro-credential as a certificate of assessed learning that is additional, alternative, complementary to or a component part of a formal qualification  
It also highlights the potential role for UNESCO'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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