

Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Learning and Teaching

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2023
VICE-CHANCELLOR'S
AWARDS FOR
LEARNING &
TEACHING

The Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Learning and Teaching are an important part of Federation University Australia's mission to promote and advance learning and teaching through recognition and reward of individuals and teams who go above and beyond standard practice.

The Centre for Academic Development (CAD) lead the process and support applicants through the process with the provision of online resources, professional learning modules, mentoring and feedback on drafts. In 2023, we are awarding 3 Citations for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning and 1 Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Experience.

Dr Scott Jukes

Institute of Education, Arts and Community

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Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning (Early Career)

Development of innovative place-responsive curricula and resources which have enhanced learning, teaching and the student experience.

Award Mentor: Dr Lauren Petrass





Virtual Field Trip Team

Institute of Innovation, Science and Sustainability

Dr Simone Louwhoff - leader

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Professor Singarayer Florentine Dr Kushan Tennakoon

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Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning

An engaging Virtual Fieldtrip presented as an innovative and flexible, online substitute for traditional environmental excursions, to drive improvements and inspire student learning.

Video Link:

https://fedflix.federation.edu.au/media/VC%20Award%202023%20-%20Simone%20Louwhoff/1 xnfk5d00

Award Mentor: Dr Carolyn Johnstone-Lebbos



Dr Kushan Tennakoon & Dr Simone Louwhoff



Professor Singarayer Florentine



Ms Lindy Hall

Institute of Health and Wellbeing

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Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning

Development of authentic simulated learning for exercise and sport science students: Evolving from written case studies to the content rich H5P framework for work-integrated learning.

Video Link:

https://fedflix.federation.edu.au/media/VC%20Award%202023%20-%20Lindy%20Hall/1 6ytp77ii

Award Mentor: Dr Megan Jenkins





Learning Design Team

Centre for Academic Development

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Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Experience

Mr Jim Carolan
Ms Charlie Duddridge
Ms Jessica Robertson
Ms Karalee Dwyer
Ms Anthea Groessler
Ms Lovisa Lindstrand
Ms Kellie Macneil
Mr Cameron Nichol
Ms Jessica Robertson
Dr Navi Sadoughi
Dr Aimee Turner
Ms Sara Warren
Dr Tiffany Winchester

Enhancing student-centred learning by supporting academic staff to integrate quality assurance practices using the Blended and Online Learning & Teaching Practice (BLTP) review tool.

Video Link:

https://fedflix.federation.edu.au/media/VC%20Award%202023%20-%20Sara%20Warren/1 5n40996c

Award Mentor: Dr Suryani Lim

















The 2023 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence recognise and reward exceptional performance that supports Federation University Australia's Strategic Plan and Living Values Charter.

Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in leadership and transformational change

Graduate Research School Leadership Team

Professor Wendy Wright Professor Andrew Barton Rebekah Bailey Dr Robert Watson Kate Lucas



"This award reflects the can-do attitude of the Graduate Research School leadership team, comprising the Dean Graduate Research, Wendy Wright; the Deputy Dean Graduate Research, Andrew Barton, the Manager, Graduate Research, Rebekah Bailey, the Graduate School Coordinator, Rob Watson; and Kate Lucas, who provides executive support. However, the award also reflects the work and the dedication of the broader GRS team. We are pleased and proud to have our work recognised. The funds will be used to support our professional development so that we can continue to bring best practice in Graduate Research leadership to our stakeholders at Federation University."

Commendation for Excellence in leadership and transformational change

Andrew Henwood

Head, Employee Experience People and Culture

"Leading a dedicated team that has embraced transformational change and adopted new ways of working has been a privilege. I am humbled to be recognised. Thank you to my team for your valuable contributions to our success."





Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in inclusion

Julie Sanders

Senior Consultant, Indigenous Workforce People and Culture



"I would like to acknowledge the Wadawurrung people as the traditional custodians of the land I live and work on. I pay my respects to Elders past and present. Thank you for this award. The award recognises the importance of the work I undertake here at the university including the recruitment and retention of Federation University's Indigenous workforce. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Workforce Strategy 2022-2025 was endorsed several months ago by the university, with the Reconciliation Action Plan to be endorsed in 2024. I am looking forward to the university achieving its Indigenous employment and student targets."

Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in innovation

Student Communications Team

Sigourney Baird, Emily Hamilton, Aja Bongiorno, Ebony-Rose Nudelman, Jean Flynn, Fiona Sunderland and Anam Shahab



"We are honoured to receive this award for Innovation. Timely, personalised, and relevant communications are so powerful in welcoming students to our community and this award reflects Fed's commitment to ongoing innovation across our digital touchpoints. This project brought together strategic, technical, and creative processes and the whole Student Communications team went above and beyond to dive into the student journey, create content, and design and manage a new way of working."



Commendation for Excellence in innovation

Ambra Sandwith

Manager, Compensation and Benefits People and Culture

"I am humbled to receive a commendation for the dedication and countless hours that have been worked to help implement and deliver best practice systems for the University. Thank you to the team for your innovative approach to our solution design, it has been a huge team effort."





Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in community engagement and impact

Pathways Team Federation TAFE

Ballarat and Wimmera



"The TAFE Pathways program has supported more than 700 participants including individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, and with disability across nine local government areas. The program has supported participants to achieve a range of educational, employment and volunteer-work goals, truly transforming lives."

Vice-Chancellor's Award for Research Excellence

Professor Dr Muhammad Aziz Rahman

Research Adviser and Discipline Leader of Public Health | Institute of Health and Wellbeing

"Dr Rahman's international standing is exceptional, for his work in health promotion, tobacco consumption, non-communicable diseases, and a range of health and wellbeing issues affecting disadvantaged, rural and multicultural populations."





Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in research partnerships and impact

CeRDI Centre for eResearch & Digital Innovation

"CeRDI is an exceptional yet quiet achiever maintaining strong industry partnerships and funding since establishment 25 years ago. CeRDI continues to be sought after as a provider of research excellence in data interoperability, agriculture, hazard planning and regional development, to name just a few areas of research specialisation."





Commendation for Excellence in research partnerships and impact

Professor Rochelle Eime Professor, Sports Sciences

"I'm passionate about industry-based research that connects with industry partners and demonstrates impact related to participation in community sport. It is an honour to receive this award."





Vice-Chancellor's Award for Vocational teaching excellence

Adam Bignold

Federation TAFE Teacher Information Technology and Cyber Security

"After transitioning from higher education to TAFE, Adam has provided an innovative redesign of the cyber security program which creates self-sufficient problem solvers who can function successfully in today's rapidly changing web environment. The flexible delivery of the program has also doubled the number of women in the STEM program."





Commendation for Vocational teaching excellence

Learner Excellence Committee

Federation TAFE – Chris Noonan, Tammy Ballard, Rosemary Semple, Juliet Williams, Paula Stewart, Ella Donovan-Clancy, Rachael Lott

"To receive a commendation from the Vice-Chancellor is further validation of how important it is to involve our students in decision making, listen to their feedback, and act on it. The commendation is very much appreciated and highly motivating for what lies ahead for this committee in 2024."







You can find videos from our award winners on FedFlix to learn more about their exceptional work