



## Report on 2007 Carrick Awards program

December 2007

### History of the Carrick Awards

The Australian Awards for University Teaching (AAUT) were established in 1997 by the Australian Government to celebrate and reward excellence in university teaching. Outstanding teaching, whether by individuals or teams, has been recognised each year since and the achievement celebrated through these awards

With the formation of the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education in 2006, as an initiative of the (then) Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training, the awards program was expanded to include new elements and thereby allow recognition of a wider range and level of university staff and more diverse contributions to learning and teaching. The awards program is now referred to as the Carrick Awards for Australian University Teaching

The activities of the Carrick Awards program are:

1. **Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning**
2. **Awards for Programs that Enhance Learning**
3. **Awards for Teaching Excellence**
4. **Prime Minister's Award for Australian University Teacher of the Year**
5. **Career Achievement Award**
6. **Funding for Award Recipients to Present at Conferences**

Full *Guidelines* on each activity of the Carrick Awards program and information on all AAUT and Carrick Awards recipients, whether individuals or institutions, may be found on the Carrick Institute website.

### Summary of 2007 Carrick Awards program activities

1. **Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning**  
326 nominations were received from 39 institutions. 253 Citations were presented



2. **Awards for Teaching Excellence**  
102 nominations were received from 27 institutions. 24 Teaching Awards were presented
3. **Awards for Programs that Enhance Learning**  
59 nominations were received from 26 institutions. 14 Program Awards were presented
4. **Prime Minister's Award for Australian University Teacher of the Year**  
One recipient of a Teaching Award was presented with the Prime Minister's Award
5. **Career Achievement Award**  
Two nominations were received for the Career Achievement Award, both were presented
6. **Funding for Award Recipients to Present at Conferences**  
Introduced in 2008, this Carrick Award activity received two applications in the first (interim) round in August. One application was received for the October round. All were approved

### **Overview of the 2007 assessor and selection process**

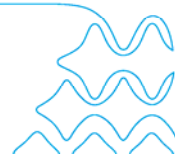
Assessors were identified from the Carrick Institute Assessor database and invited to become a member of the 2007 Carrick Awards Assessor Panel. They used the assessment process described below, which was approved by the Carrick Awards Standing Committee

The assessor recommendations provided to the Standing Committee are not binding, the final decisions rest with the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee was made up of:

- Two members of the Carrick Institute Board (one as Chair)
- One nominee from Minister for Education, Science and Training
- One nominee from Universities Australia
- One representative who is a PVC/DVC (Academic)
- One representative of the Indigenous community
- Two current university students

The decisions of the Standing Committee were noted by the Carrick Institute Board, the Department of Education, Science and Training, and announced by the Minister of Education, Science and Training



### **Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning**

1. 24 assessors were selected for Citations assessment to ensure a representative spread of regions and types of institution
2. Each nomination was assessed by two assessors from a state other than their own to determine a cut-off point on each institution's nomination list
3. All assessors attended the assessor meeting in Sydney on 6 June
4. Assessor pairs agreed joint recommendations for each institution, then all assessors agreed on final recommendations to the Standing Committee
5. The Standing Committee received the institutions ranked lists, assessor reports and applications at the cut off (ie the last two applications endorsed by assessors and first two applications not endorsed)
6. The Standing Committee met in Sydney on 2 July and agreed on recipients to receive an Award
7. Regional Citation presentation ceremonies were held in the week beginning 6 August

### **Awards for Teaching Excellence**

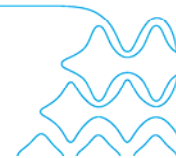
1. 16 assessors were involved in Teaching Awards assessment
2. Each category's nominations was assessed by two assessors, one with category expertise and the other teaching and learning expertise
3. All assessors met in Sydney on 22 August
4. Assessor pairs prepared a consensus report on each nomination
5. The assessors unanimously agreed rankings for all recommended nominations and the bands in which they were placed for recommendation to the Standing Committee
6. The Standing Committee received the shortlisted nominations (ie 49 of 103 Teaching Award nominations), recommendations, individual assessor reports and combined assessor reports
7. The Standing Committee met on 24 September and agreed on recipients of Teaching Awards
8. Presentation of the Teaching Awards was made at a ceremony in Canberra on 27 November

### **Awards for Programs that Enhance Learning**

1. An equivalent process was followed for the Program Awards as the Teaching Awards, with the following changes:
  - o 14 assessors were involved in the Program Awards process
  - o All Program Awards assessors met in Sydney on 23 August
  - o Standing Committee received 30 of the shortlisted nominations, of 59 submitted

### **Prime Minister's Award for Australian University Teacher of the Year**

1. After agreeing on the Teaching Awards, the Standing Committee discussed the recipients in terms of the criteria for the Prime Minister's Award
2. The Standing Committee unanimously agreed on the recipient of the Prime Minister's Award



### **Career Achievement Awards**

1. The Standing Committee received nominations, including full resume, from the Carrick Institute Board
2. The Standing Committee unanimously agreed on the recipients of the Career Achievement Awards

### **Funding for Award Recipients to Present at Conferences**

1. Carrick Institute staff assessed applications to confirm eligibility
2. Eligible applications were considered by Carrick Institute Directors, chaired by the Executive Director
3. A recommended list was provided to the Chair, Standing Committee for approval

### **Advice to applicants from the Standing Committee and Assessors**

1. Address each of the selection criteria in turn:
  - state claim
  - provide examples
  - **provide evidence from a variety of sources**
2. Demonstrate both breadth and depth (ie do not focus just on the last year or one or two subjects)
3. Demonstrate fit to the category throughout the submission
4. Provide context for the program or teaching activities in the overview, do not just describe them
5. If it is a program, then it must be a program ie broader than one or two subjects
6. Less is more – if it cannot be said within the page limit, then EDIT
7. Choose referees carefully, they should say more than repeat the submission
8. If you provide Supporting Material, then make sure it is relevant and adds more information rather than repeats it

### **Carrick Awards rewrite of the *Guidelines* for 2008**

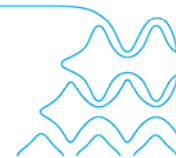
1. After significant and substantive change to the Carrick Award *Guidelines* for 2007, both in terms of policy and process, the document was re-written for the Carrick Awards for 2008
2. The changes were focused on making the policy and process clearer and easier to understand, not on substantive change
3. In response to administrative issues that arose in 2007, all nominations will be required to be provided in both original and electronic form from 2008

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## 2007 Carrick Awards Program Nominations and Recipients

University	Citations		Teaching		Programs	
	Noms	Recipients	Nom	Recipients	Noms	Recipients
<b>ACT</b>						
The Australian National University	10	10	8	2	4	0
University of Canberra	9	5	0	0	0	0
<b>ACT total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NSW</b>						
Charles Sturt University	10	9	0	0	1	0
Macquarie University	10	8	3	1	2	0
Southern Cross University	2	2	0	0	1	0
The University of Sydney	9	7	5	0	4	1
University of New England	8	8	0	0	0	0
University of New South Wales	10	9	2	1	0	0
University of Newcastle	10	8	3	0	2	0
University of Technology, Sydney	8	7	3	0	0	0
University of Western Sydney	6	6	1	0	1	0
University of Wollongong	10	9	2	1	1	0
<b>NSW total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>NT</b>						
Batchelor Institute	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charles Darwin University	2	2	1	0	0	0
<b>NT total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>QLD</b>						
Bond University	10	4	0	0	0	0
Central Queensland University	9	5	1	0	3	0
Griffith University	10	10	4	3	3	1
James Cook University	10	9	0	0	0	0
Queensland University of Technology	10	7	8	3	6	2
The University of Queensland	9	9	6	4	5	2
University of Southern Queensland	9	5	2	1	2	2
University of the Sunshine Coast	3	2	0	0	0	0
<b>QLD total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>SA</b>						
Flinders University	10	9	6	1	3	1
The University of Adelaide	8	8	1	0	1	0
University of South Australia	10	8	4	0	1	0
<b>SA total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>



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University	Citations		Teaching		Programs	
	Noms	Recipients	Nom	Recipients	Noms	Recipients
<b>TAS</b>						
Australian Maritime College	1	1	0	0	0	0
University of Tasmania	9	5	2	0	2	0
<b>TAS total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>VIC</b>						
Deakin University	10	9	2	0	2	0
La Trobe University	6	3	0	0	1	0
Monash University	8	5	5	0	1	0
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	10	8	1	0	0	0
Swinburne University of Technology	10	5	0	0	0	0
The University of Melbourne	10	10	8	4	1	0
University of Ballarat	3	3	0	0	0	0
Victoria University	6	3	0	0	1	0
<b>VIC total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>WA</b>						
Curtin University of Technology	9	7	7	1	3	1
Edith Cowan University	10	5	6	1	3	1
Murdoch University	10	8	0	0	0	0
The University of Western Australia	10	7	5	0	4	3
<b>WA total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>National</b>						
Adelaide College of Divinity	0	0	0	0	0	0
Australian Catholic University	10	9	1	1	1	0
Avondale College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christian Heritage College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melbourne College of Divinity	0	0	0	0	0	0
The University of Notre Dame Australia	0	0	5	0	0	0
<b>National total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>AUSTRALIA total</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>14</b>

