

## 2020 Commendations for Enhancement and Innovation of Student Learning

The University of Adelaide Commendations for the Enhancement and Innovation of Student Learning recognise the diverse range of activities, services and programs that contribute to student learning and engagement at the University of Adelaide, and the important role that staff from all areas of the University have in supporting us to achieve our strategic goals in learning and teaching.

### **Special Commendations - COVID 19 Emergency Teaching Response**

In 2020 there will be no DASE sponsored Commendations due to budgetary restrictions imposed to manage the COVID 19 pandemic emergency response. DASE Commendations are expected to resume in 2021. Instead, Special Commendations will be offered to recognise the exceptional work in teaching and learning that academic and professional staff supporting teaching have undertaken in response to the COVID19 pandemic.

In recognition of the increased workload imposed by the changes in teaching mode required by the emergency response we have simplified the application process.

At least 10 awards will be made to staff who can demonstrate agility, creativity and innovation in responding to the unique learning and teaching context created by the COVID19 pandemic.

### **Selection Criteria**

Applicants should demonstrate how their approach or contribution during the 2020 academic year responded to the unique context of the COVID19 emergency response and impacted on one or more of:

- student or staff wellbeing
- student or staff sense of belonging
- access and/or inclusion

Applications will be assessed on degree to which they demonstrate:

- agility
- creativity
- innovation

NOTE: given the broader community response to the pandemic including matters outside the control of the University are accepted to have had a potential impact on student learning outcomes, impact on student learning will not be a criteria in 2020.

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## Selection Panel

Applications will be assessed by a selection panel, consisting of:

- Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Learning) - Convenor
- Director, Education Strategy and Teaching Excellence
- Educational Officer (student)
- Two other senior staff members (TBC)

## Eligibility

Applications are invited from academic and professional staff, from all Faculties and Divisions of the University. Both individual and team applications are encouraged.

2018 and 2019 recipients of Commendations or Stephen Cole the Elder awards are eligible to apply.

## Applications

Applications must be submitted on the Application Form and endorsed by the applicant's line manager (Executive Dean, Dean of Graduate Studies, Postgraduate Coordinator, Head of School, Head of Discipline, Faculty Manager, or Line Manager).

A short written statement of no more than 500 words should describe the contribution and demonstrate a reflective approach which describes the rationale for the approach and the impact that the activities had on students.

## Submission

The application form should be sent as a single PDF file to [teachexcellence@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:teachexcellence@adelaide.edu.au) by **Friday 23 October**. Receipt of all nominations will be acknowledged by email.

## Notification

Applicants will be advised of the outcome in late October/ early November.

Names of awardees will be published on the University website and via other promotional outlets as appropriate.

## Teaching Excellence Showcase

Successful applicants will be invited to present the work for which they have received the award at the annual *Teaching Excellence Showcase and Awards* on December 3, 2020.

Successful applicants will need to confirm their involvement in the Showcase by November 16, 2020.

Successful applicants will be provided with guidelines for their presentation and a PowerPoint template.