

AWARDS and GRANTS

ALTC Mission

To promote and advance learning and teaching in Australian higher education

ALTC Objectives

- **support strategic change**
- **foster and acknowledge excellent teaching**
- **sharing and benchmarking**
- **facilitate national approaches**

ALTC Values

- **Inclusiveness:** by assisting the development of networks and communities which support higher education staff who have a direct impact on the advancement of learning and teaching.
- **Long-term change:** through a focus on systemic change.
- **Diversity:** by recognising and valuing institutional and discipline differences and similarities.
- **Collaboration:** through the programs it funds and in its work practices.
- **Excellence:** through the recognition of quality in its programs and awards and its encouragement of higher education institution's recognition of quality teaching and learning.

ALTC Awards for University Teaching

- Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning
- Awards for Programs that Enhance Learning
- Awards for Teaching Excellence
- Prime Minister's Award for Australian University Teacher of the Year
- Career Achievement Award

ALTC Awards: Program Awards

Categories:

1. Assessment and feedback
2. Educational partnerships and collaborations with other organisations
3. The first-year experience
4. Flexible learning and teaching
5. Innovation in curricula, learning and teaching
6. Postgraduate education
7. Services supporting student learning

ALTC Awards: Teaching Awards

Categories:

1. Biological Sciences, Health and Related Studies (including Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Medicine, Nursing etc)
2. Early Career
3. Humanities and the Arts
4. Law, Economics, Business and Related Studies
5. Neville Bonner Award/s for Indigenous Education
6. Physical Sciences and Related Studies (including Architecture, Building and Planning, Engineering, Computing and Information Science)
7. Social Sciences (including Education)
8. Priority Area for 2009 is work-integrated learning.

ALTC Grants Scheme

The Grants Scheme is designed to conform to the following principles:

- Transparency
- Value for Money
- High Impact
- Future Looking

ALTC Grants Scheme

The Grants Scheme has three programs:

- Leadership for Excellence in Learning and Teaching Program (LP)
- Priority Projects Program (PP)
- Competitive Grants Program (CG)

ALTC Grants Scheme

Funding priorities for 2009:

- Leadership capacity building for learning and teaching (LP)
- Curriculum renewal (PP)
- Assessment, standards and reporting (PP)
- Learning and teaching spaces (PP)
- Peer review for promotion (PP)
- Research and development focussing on issues of emerging and continuing importance (CG)
- Strategic approaches to learning and teaching that address the increasing diversity of the student body (CG)
- Innovation in learning and teaching, including in relation to the role of new technologies (CG)

What do you need to apply?

- Evidence, evidence, evidence
- Recognition
- Sustained effort
- Collaboration
- Dissemination plans

assessment

- Project outcomes and rationale
- Approach
- Value and need for the project
- Value for money and project management
- Capacity of the team to deliver the proposed outcomes

Important issues

- Need to focus on change in strategy and teacher behaviour
- Need to include knowledge of literature within proposal
- Need to focus on targeted outcome
- Approach to dissemination is crucial

Evaluation

- Many projects fail because of their evaluation proposal
- Need to negotiate a plan with all stakeholders
- Need to produce evidence
- Need to have a good dissemination plan