

## Media Release

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## University leads nation in receipt of learning and teaching awards

Six University of Tasmania academics have been given citations in the prestigious Australian Awards for University Teaching – the highest number for any Australian university.

The nationwide, peer-reviewed program recognises distinguished endeavor across the breadth of academic disciplines.

University Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor David Sadler said the awards were evidence of the University's commitment to excellence across the breadth of the institution.

"The University of Tasmania is deeply proud of its standing among the top two percent globally in research performance," Professor Sadler said. "The same passion and pride can be found in our teaching effort and our performance in the award program this year, and years past, is a clear indication of it.

"We commit to excellence in teaching because we know it underpins not only the experience of our students, but the quality of our graduates.

"It also is telling that we received 100 per cent success rate this year; six citations for six nominations."

Universities can only make six nominations to the awards each year.

#### **The recipients are:**

**Sculpture** - Ms Lucy Bleach - For the development of innovative curricula, resources and programs that inspire and engage students and the broader community in sculpture through creative thinking and practice

**Health Sciences** - Dr Andrea Carr - For leading collaborative curriculum development and learning programs that value and enhance the experience of staff and their students in the health sciences

**Arts / Science** - Dr Aidan Davison - For sustained contribution to interdisciplinary teaching that enthuses, empowers and enables students to critically inquire into contested problems of sustainability in arts and science

**Education** - Ms Jillian Downing- For leading the development of innovative VET teacher education programs using applied learning design in online environments and partnerships that build pathways between education sectors

**Psychology** - Dr Nenagh Kemp - For a decade of igniting students' interest and inspiring learning in psychology through an enthusiastic and research-driven approach to teaching

**Cross-institutional programs** - Ms Kristin Warr Pedersen - For the design and leadership of innovative, cross-institutional programs that respond to strategic learning and teaching priorities, and enhance student and staff experiences.

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