

# Celebrating Learning and Teaching @ JCU

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# Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and pay our respects to the Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the Bindal and Wulgurukaba people of the Townsville region and the Djabugay, Yirrganydji, Gimuy Yidinji people of the Cairns region. In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the valuable contribution that Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to make to learning and teaching at James Cook University and the broader community.



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# 2025 Teaching Excellence Awards

Professor Mitch Parsell  
Deputy Vice Chancellor, Education

*Recognising and celebrating excellence in learning and teaching*

# 2025 Library Open Education Awards



# Open Education Champion Award 2025

## Colleen Hodgins

Learning Technology Advisor, Education Design, Quality and Standards Directorate

- *Advances the uptake of open education and textbook affordability strategies at JCU.*
- *Improves JCU student outcomes by supporting OER etextbook accessibility.*
- *Demonstrates open educational values.*

# JCU Open eBook Excellence and Impact Award 2025

The Winning book is:  
Communication Skills for Health Professionals

Editor and Author:  
**Brock Cook**  
College of Healthcare Sciences





# 2025 Inclusive and Accessible LearnJCU Site Award



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# Inclusive and accessible LJCU site award

Associate Professor Alex Trollope,  
Dr Danica Vojisavljevic and Dr Vicki Dunk

College of Medicine and Dentistry

*For BM1051 Anatomy and  
Physiology for Speech  
Pathology 1 subject site  
(BM1051)*



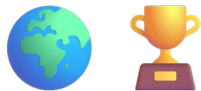
# Acknowledgement: International Impact Award

## Sharon Long

Learning Environments Support Coordinator  
Education Design, Quality and Standards Directorate

### Anthology International Impact Award

Highlighting Sharon's outstanding contributions to advancing digital learning environments here at JCU





# 2025 Inclusive Practice Awards



# Kai King



# 2025 Inclusive Practice Award

## **College of Healthcare Sciences**

★ Alison Bryan

## **College of Science and Engineering**

★ Dr Megan Higgle

★ Dr Farouq Sharifpour

★ Heather Robson

# 2025 Inclusive Practice Award

## **College of Arts Society and Education**

- ★ Associate Professor Nick Osbaldiston

## **College of Medicine and Dentistry**

- ★ Dr Nathan Barrett
- ★ Dr Maru Castellanos Reynosa
- ★ Dr Nagaraja Haleagrahara

# 2025 Inclusive Practice Award

## **Student Support Services**

- ★ Sophie Gartery
- ★ Anita Suleman

## **Indigenous Education and Research Centre**

- ★ Haryne Uta
- ★ Tupoa Guligo

# 2025 Sessional Teaching Awards



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## ★ Manomay Chaskar, College of Business, Law and Governance, JCU Brisbane



“Manomay’s teaching is distinguished by his creative and experiential approach. He consistently integrates field-based, hands-on learning into his subjects, creating immersive and industry-relevant experiences for students. His workshops are designed to foster collaboration and build a strong learning community, particularly important given the culturally and linguistically diverse student cohort he teaches.”

# 2025 Sessional Teaching Award

## ★ Emily Grahn, College of Medicine and Dentistry



“Emily did a great job breaking down complex theory into understandable "chunks"... Emily's teaching method helped me feel less overwhelmed with a challenging subject, delivered during an "intense" intensive block! ... It was refreshing to have a teacher who was enthusiastic about hyper-specialised content, and this helped keep us engaged with course content that was difficult to grasp.”

# 2025 Sessional Teaching Award

## ★ Dr Michael Hansen, JCU Singapore



“Dr Hansen’s innovative approach has fostered an engaging and inclusive learning environment. By tailoring content and delivery to diverse learner needs, leveraging creative teaching strategies and bridging students with industry.”

# 2025 Sessional Teaching Award

## ★ Thomas Napier, College of Science and Engineering



“Very helpful lecturer who made it obvious that they were happy to help with any questions throughout the trimester. He explained concepts effectively and clearly and was evidently passionate about teaching. I appreciate how well prepared he was for all seminars, as I find quite a few lecturers fall short in this category.”

# 2025 Sessional Teaching Award

## ★ Dr Nerilee Torning, College of Healthcare Sciences



“Nerilee’s teaching is underpinned by a student-centred, inclusive approach that reflects her strong professional integrity and responsiveness to student needs. She is highly regarded for her ability to create supportive and intellectually stimulating online learning environments. Student feedback consistently highlights her approachability, depth of knowledge, and ability to challenge learners in meaningful and encouraging ways.”



# 2025 DVC Education's Gen AI in Curriculum Awards

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## Dr Eijaz Khan

College of Business, Law and Governance

*For leveraging generative AI for  
subject design and development.*



# 2025 DVC Education's Gen AI in Curriculum Awards

**Dr Klaire Somoray**

College of Healthcare Sciences

*For critical and ethical integration of AI in the curriculum*



# 2025 DVC Education's Gen AI in Curriculum Awards

## Associate Professor Margaret Carter, Dr Thili Wijesinghe and Ron Kordyban

College of Arts, Society and Education, and Education Design Quality and Standards Directorate

*For innovating the  
Student  
Experience in  
Guidance and  
Counselling*



# Acknowledgement: 2024 Australian Award for University Teaching

## Dr Sandra De Cat and Mr Christopher Gardiner

College of Science and Engineering

*For Sheep Week: 15 years of collaborative partnerships using holistic experience and reflection to actively inspire veterinary students for a career in rural sheep practice.*





# Dr Florence Boulard, Professor Rosita Henry and Dr Nigel Chang

College of Arts, Society and Education

2024 JCU Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning Overall Winner and 2025 Nominee for Australian Awards for University Teaching



**2025**

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



# 2025 Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

## Associate Professor Nagaraja Haleagrahara

College of Medicine and Dentistry

*For inspiring excellence, adopting equity: A student-centred blended learning model for motivating and supporting diverse medical student cohorts.*



# 2025 Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

## Dr Peter Hartin, Penelope Coogan and Michelle McElroy

College of Healthcare Sciences

*For leading the digital transformation of clinical placement documentation through an inclusive, efficient and scalable model that enhances student success and engagement.*



# 2025 Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

## Dr Amanda Krause

College of Healthcare Sciences

*For preparing graduates with strong professional capabilities through research-based work-integrated learning via the College of Healthcare Sciences' Undergraduate Research Internship.*



# 2025 Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

## Dr Jenny Panchal

College of Business, Law and Governance

*For designing transformative, values-based assessments that inspire critical thinking, ethical digital engagement, and sustainability leadership across tourism, hospitality, and events education.*





# 2025 Overall Winner

JCU Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

# 2025 OVERALL WINNER

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# Professor Damian Morgan

Chair of the Academic Board, James Cook University

