JCU Inclusive and Accessible LearnJCU Site Awards

Application guidelines

For over 50 years, James Cook University (JCU) has been dedicated to serving communities through providing study experiences that are exciting, challenging, and rewarding, and that help graduates access the education and experience they need to thrive in the global workforce.

JCU is devoted to the success and wellbeing of our students through commitment to a set of [core values](#) that define what we stand for and guide the way we behave and work together. JCU values authenticity, excellence, integrity, and respect in everything we do, and recognises outstanding practice in teaching and scholarship that adheres to these values in many different ways.

The Inclusive and Accessible LearnJCU Site Awards are one such example of recognition. These awards are an initiative of the Education Division and facilitated by the Education Design, Quality and Standards Directorate.

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Aims

JCU is committed to equitable, inclusive, and high-quality learning, and aspires to develop graduates who have the intellectual curiosity, knowledge, skills and disposition to succeed in a global workforce. The Inclusive and Accessible LearnJCU Site Awards recognise and reward the outstanding contributions made by JCU staff who support the goals and values of JCU by displaying a commitment to and intentional focus on inclusive learning design of their LearnJCU subject site.

Up to four (4) awards, with a prize value of $500 each, will be awarded in 2025. The recipients will receive the award as a gift card to use as they wish.

Winners will be formally announced on Thursday, 4 September 2025, at the Celebrating Excellence in Learning & Teaching at JCU: Teaching Excellence Awards.

Eligibility

College Deans (or equivalent) may nominate any current staff member. For the purposes of these awards, all nominations must relate to contributions to student learning in enabling undergraduate or postgraduate coursework courses. Inclusive and Accessible LearnJCU Site Award recipients will not be eligible for re-nomination within three years of receiving this award but may nominate for other awards. Nominees must be employed by JCU at the time of nomination.

Selection Criteria

Nominations will be judged on the evidence (qualitative and quantitative) provided to demonstrate inclusive and accessible LearnJCU site design that enhances student learning. Nominations must demonstrate that the nominee has:

1. Developed and/or provided accessible and engaging learning materials, and
2. Demonstrated principles of Universal Design for Learning in the site design, and
3. Developed/facilitated an effective learning community

Nomination Process

All nominees are required to provide the following:

1. A video 'walkthrough' of the LearnJCU site (with audio), MAXIMUM of 10 minutes, identifying the ways in which the LearnJCU site meets the following criteria:
   a. Provides accessible and engaging learning materials
   b. Demonstrates principles of Universal Design for Learning
   c. Develops a learning community

2. A brief written statement of NO MORE than one (1) page, supported by evidence, to indicate ways in which the inclusive and accessible site design has positively impacted student learning,

student engagement and/or overall student experience. Evidence may include, Blackboard Analytics, student feedback (informal and formal), other relevant qualitative or quantitative data.

3. One reference from a staff member able to make comment on the inclusive and accessible LearnJCU site of the staff member.

4. Photograph of nominee.
   An up-to-date, formal digital photograph of the individual nominee must be submitted with each nomination, in line with the following specifications:
   - In colour
   - Background colour: white
   - Image definition parameters: head and shoulders only
   - Image resolution: 300dpi at 10cm by 10cm or 1200px by 1200px
   - File Format: JPEG
   - File size: Between 1MB and 10MB

If the nomination is successful, the submitted digital photograph will be used for publication purposes, including awards presentation, the EDQS website and other promotional materials. The photograph should therefore be of the best possible quality. Low quality photographs will not be accepted. Changes cannot be made to photographs after submission.

The nomination form is available by following this link.

Closing Dates

Please ensure the nomination form is submitted to edqs@jcu.edu.au via the College ADLT (or equivalent) by **COB, Monday, 21 July 2025.**

Selection Panels

The JCU Awards Selection Panel will comprise:

- Dean, Education Design, Quality & Standards (Chair)
- Chair, Academic Board
- One Academic Developer
- One Dean/Director as invited by the Chair

The panel will recommend to the DVC Education up to four (4) awardees from the submitted nominations.