

The Learning and Teaching Alert promotes newly published resources, international and national learning and teaching conferences, forthcoming learning and teaching key dates, and events including teaching excellence initiatives.

2010 Teaching Excellence

A call for **Australian Learning & Teaching Council's Competitive Grant applications** has been made. Applications are due on **3 June 2010** with an **internal USQ deadline of 27 May 2010**.

The Competitive Grants Program supports:

- Research and development focusing on issues of emerging and continuing importance
- Strategic approaches to learning and teaching that address the increasing diversity of the student body
- Innovation in learning and teaching, including in relation to the role of new technologies

Recommended reading and Assessment Reports from previous funding rounds are available on the ALTC website to assist you in preparing your application.

<http://www.altc.edu.au/grants-funding-available#competitive-grants>

For more information please refer to Section 3 (Competitive Grants Program Guidelines) <http://www.altc.edu.au/system/files/Competitive%20Grants%20Guidelines%202010%20updated%200909.pdf>

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Australian Higher Education Quality Award 2010 Nominations for the 2010 Award close on 3 May. For information and application advice

<http://auqa.edu.au/qualityenhancement/qualityaward/>

Learning and Teaching Books, Journals and Other Resources

Learning and Teaching Books

Educating Teachers for Diversity: This publication sheds light on the evidence base that can be used to redesign initial and continuing teacher education to help practitioners effectively teach diverse students

<http://www.oecd.org/bookshop?962010051p1&lang=en>

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Learning Mathematics for Life: Learning Mathematics for Life examines the link between the PISA test requirements and student performance. It focuses specifically on the proportions of students who answer questions correctly across a range of difficulty. The questions are

classified by content, competencies, context and format.

<http://www.oecdbookshop.org/oecd/display.asp?sf1=identifiers&st1=982009111P1&LANG=EN>

Learning and Teaching Journals

iPED: Publication of International Journal

Guest Editors: iPED Research Network: Dr. Christine Broughan, Tony Carr, Virginia King, Dr. Philip Watland and Associate-Professor Piet Kommers

<http://www.inderscience.com/browse/index.php?journalID=50&year=2010&vol>

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The new HERDSA Guide written by the President, Geoff Crisp, highlights some of the key issues surrounding the use of e-assessment and provides examples and practical advice on how teachers might engage students in more interactive online tasks. It presents a realistic view of what is now possible through the use of computers and the Internet in higher education assessment. It specifically discusses the important relationship between learning, teaching and assessment, and presents a number of frameworks for aligning e-learning activities and e-assessment tasks. Copies of the guide may be ordered on line.

www.herdsa.org.au

Other resources

Nine universities participated in the 2009 survey, the fourth in series of national studies on the first year experience in Australian higher education.

http://www.cshe.unimelb.edu.au/research/FYE_Report_1994_to_2009.pdf

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Reflective Learning: an online professional development course from the Oxford Centre for Staff and Learning Development, UK. This online course provides a broad introduction to the topic of reflective learning for those who are promoting this activity with learners. The focus is on the provision of practical ideas that are applicable to working directly with students. There are references to theoretical literature, but no focus on it. In particular the course will address issues of helping learners to start with reflection and to deepen their reflection in order to enhance their learning.

<http://www.brookes.ac.uk/services/ocslld/online/>

Learning and Teaching Opportunities

IRRODL is now requesting contributions for peer review and possible publication in an upcoming special issue. 'Connectivism: Design and delivery of social networked learning', edited by George Siemens (Athabasca University) and Gráinne Conole (Open University)

<http://www.irrodl.org/index.php/irrodl/announcement/view/6>

Learning and Teaching Conference & Seminars

Within Australia

The pedagogy informing the Australasian Survey of Student Engagement (AUSSE)
14 May, 2010 - Monash University, Caulfield campus
www.med.monash.edu.au/forms/herdsa/

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Workplace Diversity
17-18 June 2010, Rydges World Square, Sydney
http://www.arkgroupaustralia.com.au/dl1/D025WPDiversity_WEB.pdf

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HERDSA 2010 International Conference
7-9 July 2010 – Hilton on the Park Hotel, Melbourne
<http://conference.herdsa.org.au/2010/registration.html>

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ALTC Workshop on effective teaching and learning of mathematics
30 September - 1 October 2010, St Lucia Campus
University of Queensland
<http://www.austms.org.au>

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The Australian Learning Community Network
From outback to iPad: the future of learning communities in Australia,
6-8 September 2010 - Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, Mandurah, Western Australia
<http://www.manpac.com.au/wb/>

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"ePortfolios Australia Conference 2010
Widening participation: engaging the learner
3-4 November 2010 - Angliss Conference Centre, 555 La Trobe Street, Melbourne
<http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au/content/e-portfolios-australia> [1]

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ascilite 2010 Conference
5-8 December 2010 - Novotel Sydney, Brighton Beach, Sydney
<http://www.ascilite.org.au/conferences/sydney10/>

Overseas

A Journey in Progress: Been There! Done That! What's Next!
June 16-18, 2010 -Queen's University
Kingston, Ontario, Canada
<http://www.queensu.ca/qlc/clcc5.html>

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New Zealand Association of Bridging Educators 9th National Conference
30 September - 1 October 2010 – Wellington, NZ

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/bridgingconference/>

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Enhancing Learning Experiences in Higher Education
2–3 December 2010 - University of Hong Kong (HKU).
<http://www.cetl.hku.hk/conference2010/>

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International College Teaching & Learning Conference
3-5 January 2011 - Leihana, Maui, Hawaii, US
<http://www.cluteinstitute.com/>

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Fifth International conference On design Principles and Practices
University of Rome, Rome, Italy
2-4 February 2011
<http://designprinciplesandpractices.com/conference/>