

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

**Nominations for USQ Learning & Teaching Fellowships (to be undertaken in 2011) are now being called for.**

The aim of USQ Fellowships is to advance learning and teaching by supporting staff to undertake strategic activities in faculties that support the University's mission and values.

Up to two (2) USQ Senior Learning and Teaching Fellowships and up to five (5) USQ Associate Learning and Teaching Fellowships will be offered, with the aim of advancing learning and teaching within the University by supporting leading staff to undertake high profile projects and activities that are of direct strategic benefit to the University. Fellows will be expected to undertake a project that explores and addresses an educational issue significant to the University; stimulate strategic change within the University; raise the profile of learning and teaching in higher education and the prestige associated with the pursuit of excellence in teaching at USQ; develop their personal skills and profile; and be ongoing advocates for excellence in learning and teaching at USQ.

Any member of the University staff (full-time or fractional, continuing or contract) may nominate or be nominated for a USQ Learning and Teaching Fellowship.

### **Nominations**

Nominations are required to be submitted in electronic form via email wherever possible, to [teachexcel@usq.edu.au](mailto:teachexcel@usq.edu.au) by 5:00pm on Tuesday 30 June 2010.

**More information:** <http://www.usq.edu.au/learnteach/path/grantsawards/ltgrantsfellow>

## Learning and Teaching Books, Journals and Other Resources

### Learning and Teaching Books

*Educational Research and Innovation*

*Are the New Millennium Learners Making the Grade?*

Technology Use and Educational Performance in PISA 2006

Using data from PISA 2006, this book analyses to what extent investments in technology enhance educational outcomes. One of the most striking findings of this study is that the digital divide in education goes beyond the issue of access to technology. A new second form of digital

divide has been identified: the one existing between those who have the right competencies to benefit from computer use, and those who do not. These competencies and skills are closely linked to the economic, cultural and social capital of the student.

<http://www.oecdbookshop.org/oecd/display.asp?sf1=identifiers&st1=962009101P1&LANG=EN>

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*Recognising Non-Formal and Informal Learning Outcomes, Policies and Practices*

This book provides policy recommendations on how best to structure and organise systems for recognition of non-formal and informal learning and is based on an OECD review of 22 countries.

<http://www.oecd.org/bookshop?912009091p1&lang=en>

## Learning and Teaching Journals

*The Journal of University Teaching and Learning Practice* seeks contributions to a Special Issue on Achieving Teaching-Research Connections in Undergraduate Programs.

The overarching aim for this special issue is to showcase the diversity of approaches to linking teaching and research in undergraduate programs. The Special Issue seeks to make a significant contribution to academic practice and to recognise effective implementation across the broad range of disciplines in academia.

<http://ro.uow.edu.au/jutlp/latestnews.html>

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Inaugural edition *Journal of Teaching and Learning for Graduate Employability*

The Journal aims to provide a forum for the dissemination of research and evidence-based practice in higher education teaching and learning for graduate employability. Graduate employability is an issue of concern to academics, career advisors, students and employers regardless of discipline or profession. We see the Journal as a forum that will foster interdisciplinary dialogue among researchers, teacher scholars, careers staff and industry and professional practitioners. [http://otl.curtin.edu.au/scholarship\\_teaching\\_learning/jtlge.cfm](http://otl.curtin.edu.au/scholarship_teaching_learning/jtlge.cfm)

## Other resources

ALTC News provides updates on ALTC activities as well as a list of upcoming events, newly released reports and resources, and the latest additions to the website. ALTC News is an email newsletter published in the first full week of each month.

<http://www.altc.edu.au/altc-news>

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A Distance Education Hub (DE Hub) database of research on distance education created and managed by ACER is now available for use

<http://cunningham.acer.edu.au/dbtw-wpd/textbase/drde/drde.html>

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The 9th volume of PESTLHE is now available free online at [www.pestlhe.org.uk](http://www.pestlhe.org.uk)

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The article in the Australian "All students, not just internationals, will be included in an official strategy to lift standards of academic English at university" will be of interest to most of us. <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/broad-effort-to-lift-english-proficiency/story-e6frgcjx-1225859043955> .

Also see the article in the Sydney Morning Herald "Marked surge in domestic students" <http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/education/marked-surge-in-domestic-students-20100428-tsh2.htmlsenior>

The contents of these articles provide potential leverage points in discussions with senior executives re ALL resourcing, recognition and engagement in our respective institutions.

## Learning and Teaching Opportunities

The Institute for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at Mount Royal University is pleased to announce a call for proposals (CFP) for the first annual Centennial Symposium on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

The Centennial Symposium on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning will be held November 11-13, 2010 in Banff, Alberta (heart of the Canadian Rockies).

This event is a 'practitioners conference' dedicated to developing teaching and learning research, sharing nascent findings, going public with results of completed projects, and building an extended scholarly community.

<http://www.mtroyal.ca/ProgramsCourses/FacultiesSchoolsCentres/InstituteForScholarshipofTeachingLearning/index.htm>

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ALTC support is available to help Australia's top university teachers present at conferences and spread knowledge of good teaching practice.

As part of the ALTC's conference funding program, recipients of the prestigious Australian Awards for University Teaching are encouraged to share their teaching experiences and expertise at events around the nation.

Event organisers can apply for ALTC sponsorship of up to \$3000 which can be used for travel, hospitality and promotional material when award winners are invited to be keynote speakers. Funding applications are accepted twice yearly. For more details, funding guidelines and applications forms please refer to this link

<http://www.altc.edu.au/award-conference-funding>

# Learning and Teaching Conference & Seminars

## Within Australia

The 13th Pacific Rim First Year in Higher Education Conference  
 Intercontinental Hotel, [Adelaide](#)  
 27-30 June 2010  
<http://www.fyhe.com.au/adelaide.html>

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2010 National Student Engagement Forum  
 La Trobe University's Bundoora Campus, Melbourne  
 5 July 2010  
[http://ausse.acer.edu.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=15&Itemid=9](http://ausse.acer.edu.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=15&Itemid=9)

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MoodleMoot AU 2010  
 Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre  
 11-14 July 2010  
<http://moodlemoot.org.au/>

This conference is dedicated to educators, researchers, developers and administrators of the very popular open-source Moodle Learning Management System. Located in Melbourne, MoodleMoot AU 2010 will be the largest educational conference in the Australasian region in 2010 and is intended for delegates from the University, K-12, VET and Corporate sectors.

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

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National Learning and Teaching Forum-Inaugural Conference  
 Embedding learning and teaching excellence at institutional, individual, program and unit levels  
 Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne  
 29-30 September 2010  
<http://www.informa.com.au/conferences/education/national-learning-and-teaching-forum/>

Excellence in learning and teaching is central to the discussion on tertiary education. The National Learning and Teaching Forum convenes practitioners and academic leaders from across the tertiary sector to discuss the underpinnings of learning and teaching strategy that is

innovative, engaging and evidence based. Leaders in learning and teaching from universities and VET discuss the drivers of change and innovation in our learning environments and the role of the modern teacher

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

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DE Hub and ODLAA are working together to host the Education 2011-2021:  
Global challenges and perspectives of blended and distance learning Summit  
Dockside Venue, Sydney  
14-18 February 2011  
[http://wikieducator.org/DEHub/Research\\_Themes](http://wikieducator.org/DEHub/Research_Themes)

## Overseas

SAGSET 40th Annual Conference  
"Looking Forward, Looking Back: The Future and the Roots of Simulations & Gaming in  
Education & Training"  
University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey, UK  
20-21 July 2010  
[www.surrey.ac.uk/politics](http://www.surrey.ac.uk/politics)

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Enhancing Learning Experiences in Higher Education: International Conference  
University of Hong Kong (HKU)  
2 - 3 December, 2010

As an inaugural conference on teaching and learning in higher education hosted by the Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL), HKU, the theme of the conference as suggested by its title is "Enhancing Learning Experiences in Higher Education". The deadline for abstract submission is on 31 May 2010.  
<http://www.cetl.hku.hk/conference2010/>

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Space and flows: an international conference on urban and extraurban studies  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, USA  
4-5 December 2010  
<http://www.spacesandflows.com/conference-2010/>

This conference aims to critically engage contemporary spatial, social, ideological, and political transformations in a transitional world. In a process-oriented world of movement, the global north and global south now simultaneously converge and diverge in a dialectic that shapes and transforms cities, suburbs and rural areas. This conference addresses the nature and mapping of these forces and the dynamics that propel these changes. The conference also examines and defines the myriad of different spaces that make up our contemporary world, including urban,

edgeurban, de-urban, micro-urban, greenfield, and off-the-grid.  
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International College Teaching & Learning Conference  
Lehaina, Maui, Hawaii, US  
3-5 January 2011 -  
<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/>