The Office for Learning and Teaching has funding of $50 million over four years to promote excellence in Higher Education Learning and Teaching

Program Information and Closing Dates

The following programs will operate in 2012.

**Learning and Teaching Grants Scheme**

Funding is provided for innovation and development, strategic priorities, seed projects, leadership, extension and special initiatives grants.

- Round 1 applications close 1 March 2012.
- Round 2 applications close 3 August 2012

**Citations and Awards**

The Australian Awards for University Teaching comprise citations and four award types recognising teaching excellence and outstanding contributions to student learning.

- Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning
- Awards for Programs that Enhance Learning
- Awards for Teaching Excellence
- Prime Minister's Award for Australian University Teacher of the Year
- Career Achievement Award
- Citation nominations close 15 June 2012
- Teaching and program award nominations close 20 July 2012

**Fellowships**

Up to 5 national teaching fellowships, up to 5 mid-career fellowships, and a number of secondments to the Office will be offered.

- Nominations close 28 February 2012

Instructions on how to apply for the awards, fellowship and grant schemes will be available at the end of November 2011.
New Teaching and Learning Structure

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

190 Institutions

TEQSA
- Independently legislated
- Looking at risk.
- Register and de-register higher education providers
- Undertake evaluations of the quality of providers

STANDARDS PANEL (and sub-panels)
To determine standards and to assess.
Monitor effectiveness of standards framework

Higher Education Standards Framework
- Qualifications (AQF)
- Information (that needs to be provided)
- Teaching & Learning Benchmarks
- Research Benchmarks
- Provider (Governance, management, academic quality, human and physical resources)

Information from Institutions goes to Standards Panel for assessment. TEQSA will only look at problem, high risk areas

National register of higher education providers

(Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency)
MINISTER OF EDUCATION

DEEWR
- AQF – confirmation of University status
- Teaching Excellence Unit Awards and Grants
- Performance funding

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Higher Education Reference Group
- Will establish credible measures of student experience and learning outcomes
- Results will be published on the My University website

SKOTC – (John Dawkins)
- VET
- Standards
- Qualifications

$200 million will be available for 40 Universities over 4 years to reward universities for boosting the participation of disadvantaged students