The 2014 Office of Learning and Teaching Citations for the Support of the Student Experience have been announced by the Minister and awarded at a recent ceremony.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) Professor Pip Pattison congratulated the 2014 citation winners.

“It is wonderful to see their outstanding efforts in learning and teaching recognised at the national level,” said Professor Pattison. “Their recognition adds further breadth and depth to the rich educational expertise of University staff now showcased through the OLT Citation award program.”

Congratulations to the successful University of Sydney recipients:

Professor Craig Mellis, Associate Professor Kirsten Black, Dr Annette Burgess, Dr Renata Chapman and Associate Professor Chris Roberts

For providing a collaborative and dynamic social learning network which enhances the critically important graduate attributes of professionalism and clinical skills required by medical students.

The Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) program of the University of Sydney, Central Clinical School, consists of four key PAL student-centred activities, each of which offers valuable experiences for enriching student learning. The activities address students' needs to develop their professional skills and clinical knowledge in authentic learning environments. Results of evaluations have shown that participating students are better prepared for their summative assessments and for their future careers as medical practitioners.

Dr Jennifer Way
For developing innovative technology-based resources for mathematics education designed to engage and inspire future teachers of mathematics and provide professional support nationally

Two on-going issues in the mathematics education of pre-service primary teachers are the development of deep pedagogical content knowledge in difficult curriculum topics, and the effective use of technologies for learning. Dr Jennifer Way has addressed these issues through developing engaging curricula and specific teaching strategies to inspire future teachers of mathematics. She has created many innovative digital learning resources and professional development materials, which are being used by mathematics educators across Australia.

The University Co-Op Excellence in Teaching Award 2014

The purpose of this award is to promote, recognise and reward teaching practices that offer a fulfilling and well-rounded student-centred experience including access to academic and support resources and appreciation of the University of Sydney community. The 2014 award winner was announced at the Sydney Teaching Colloquium.

**Dr James Humberstone** is the 2014 recipient of the award which acknowledges Dr Humberstone’s creative, imaginative and innovative approach to teaching. His application successfully demonstrated his enthusiasm for his discipline and passion for the use of technology in Music Education.

Find out more about James’ teaching at his #edtech talk on Friday 7th November.