Congratulations to Award and Grant winners from the University of Sydney.

**National Teaching Award**

At a ceremony at Parliament House, Canberra, in December, Dr Danny Liu was awarded an Australian Award for Excellence in Teaching. Danny was recognised by the Office for Learning and Teaching (OLT) with a national Early Career Teaching Excellence Award for developing innovative technology-enhanced and inquiry-based teaching approaches at the University, and for his work in cultivating scientific discovery and critical thinking skills in large undergraduate cohorts with diverse backgrounds and career trajectories.

**National Teaching Grants**

Congratulations to colleagues who have recently received grants from the federal government’s Office for Learning and Teaching (OLT). In congratulating them for the grants which were announced in December, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Professor Pip Pattison commended the recipients for their innovation.

OLT grants provide funding for academics and professional staff to investigate, develop and implement innovations in learning and teaching. Dr Carl Schneider and Dr Rebekah Moles from the Faculty of Pharmacy received funding for their project: Walking in consumers’ shoes: reshaping the pharmacy student placement curriculum via mystery shopping with feedback. The project will compare student academic performance, clinical competence, and engagement in research between students undertaking a supplemental redesigned placement and students undertaking a traditional experiential placement.

The University was successful as a partner in projects with other universities, which cover a range of innovations. Sydney academics are partners in the projects: Professor Peter Goodyear in Enhancing workplace learning through mobile technology, led by Charles Sturt University; Dr Lyndal Sheepway in Enabling competence in prescribing medicines across multiple healthcare disciplines through systematic assessment practices, led by Queensland University of Technology; and Associate Professor Abelardo Pardo in Enabling connected learning via open source analytics in the wild: learning analytics beyond the Learning Management System, led by Queensland University of Technology. In addition Dr Jennifer Rowley was awarded an extension grant for her project on ePortfolios for...
creative and performing arts students in Australian universities. The University is also a partner in a recently announced Strategic Priority Commissioned Project, led by RMIT, with Professor Philip Poronnik involved in the project on: The global canopy: linking international inbound students with domestic outbound students for improved learning and global connections.