OLT (Office for Learning and Teaching) Awards are highly prestigious. They offer recognition of quality teaching practice and outstanding contributions to student learning as well as $25,000 to each successful individual or team. Read what a member of a Sydney successful team for an OLT Citation says about making an application and the rewards that have come as a result.

The Awards for Programs that Enhance Learning recognise programs and services that demonstrate effectiveness through rigorous evaluation that will set benchmarks for similar activities in other institutions. There are six Program Award categories: Widening participation; Educational partnerships and collaborations with other organisations; Innovation and flexibility in curricula, learning and teaching; Postgraduate education; Student experiences and services supporting learning, development and growth in higher education; and Global citizenship and internationalisation. There are many programs around the university which have enhanced student learning. If you are involved in a program that fits one of these categories do consider the possibility of applying. Contact Alison Kuiper if you want to discuss the possibility, or better, attend the workshop.

The Awards for Teaching Excellence recognise teachers, including individuals and teams, renowned for excellence in teaching. Both individual and team applications are welcome. There are seven disciplinary categories and a priority area which this year is High impact intervention for progression, retention and attainment. There have been some changes to the criteria. If you have been received a University Outstanding Teaching Award, you should consider applying. The OLT stresses the advantages in making an application and building on it to success, perhaps over several years.

For information on these awards, check the ITL webpage. You are strongly advised to attend the workshop on Tuesday 10 March, 9.30-11.40 am whether you have decided to apply or are considering doing so in the future.

Applicants for these Awards or Citation may also wish to join the OLT Teleconference on Thursday 19 March to find out what the assessors are looking for and what makes a good nomination?

- Overview of the OLT programmes
- Workshop on how to write good award nominations
- Panel session for sharing from award recipients and assessors
Roundtable discussion on effective support for award nominees and building award networks

RSVP via this link.
Registration closes two working days prior to the workshop.

If you would like to join the teleconference with those meeting in the ITL (Room 250) at this time, register here as well so we know you are coming.

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Information about Round 2 of the 2015 OLT Grants program is now available, including registration for the workshop on Friday 13 March, 12.30-2.30pm. The workshop is for those considering applying for a Seed grant. Successful applicants Dr Carl Schneider and Dr Rebekah Moles will attend to talk about their experiences in developing an application.

In this round, only applications for SEED grants and successful EOIs from the first round will be eligible for consideration. The results of the EOIs submitted in the first round have yet to be announced by the OLT. A workshop for those who have been invited to put in a full application will be held once the announcement has been made.

The 2016 round of grants is expected to be announced in August. If you are interested in applying this round for a Seed grant or making an application in a later round, you should read the following item about a successful application.

Information about 2015 extension grants is now online, including application instructions and application form. In 2015 there will be one round of extension grants. The due date for applications is Monday 31 August 2015.