



# University Co-operative Bookshop Excellence in Teaching and Community Award

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## **Overview**

The purpose of the 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.

## **Description**

The Co-op Bookshop will award an individual member of the University teaching community who can demonstrate outstanding achievement in student and community-focused teaching.

Recommendations for awards will be made by a committee appointed by the Co-op Bookshop. The winner will be awarded \$1000 that shall be used to help towards teaching resources.

To encourage enhancement of teaching practices, the recipient of the prize will be required to speak at a student function outlining their commitment to teaching, learning and educating potential academics on teaching and leading at a tertiary level. The award certificate will be presented at this function.

For publicity purposes, information on the prize recipient, along with their photograph and an abstract from their application will be made public to the University of Sydney and University Co-operative Bookshop publications, including websites.

## **Scope**

All individual undergraduate and postgraduate coursework teachers and course co-ordinators are eligible to apply, who have taught at the University of Sydney for at least one full semester. Group applications will not be accepted.

Previous winners who received awards more than three years ago are eligible to apply. Previously unsuccessful applicants are also eligible to apply.

## **Criteria**

Applicants will be assessed on the basis of evidence that supports their claims against the following criteria:

### **Extent to which the teacher directly or indirectly enhances student learning by incorporating and facilitating access to the resources available at the University of Sydney (500-600 words)**

In assessing nominations against the selection criteria, the Selection Committee will take into account:

- The degree of creativity, imagination or innovation, irrespective of whether the approach involves traditional learning environments or technology-based developments; and
- Extent to which the claims for excellence are supported by formal and informal evaluation.

**APPLICATIONS TO BE EMAILED TO [sallyp@usyd.edu.au](mailto:sallyp@usyd.edu.au) by Friday 8 August 2008**

## **Selection Committee**

Chaired by the Deputy Provost and Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching), or their nominee.

1. Director of the Institute of Teaching, or their nominee.
2. University of Sydney Co-op Bookshop Branch Manager or their nominee.
3. SRC President or their nominee.