

## **UNSW@ADFA Teaching Prizes – Rector’s Commendations**

Students and staff are invited to recognize excellence in an aspect of teaching by nominating UNSW @ ADFA academics for the 2007 round of Rector’s Commendations. Rector’s Commendations recognise excellence in one aspect of teaching, rather than the overall general excellence in teaching required for the more comprehensive UNSW@ADFA Teaching Awards.

### **Guidelines**

1. Nominations for a Rector’s Commendation for teaching can be made at any time during the year; however, the TLC will only consider awards once per year.
2. Nominations will be accepted in, but are not restricted to, the following categories.
  - (A) Excellence in Classroom Teaching
  - (B) Excellent Innovation in Teaching
  - (C) Excellent use of Technology in Teaching
3. Team nominations will be considered where the teaching initiative has involved group effort and development of team approaches.
4. Recipients of a Rector’s Commendation must wait three calendar years before being eligible for another commendation.

### **Process**

1. Potential recipients do not apply for an award; they are identified through either HOS recommendation, student or staff nomination. Nominations, identifying the category of teaching excellence, should be sent to the Presiding Member of the UNSW@ADFA Teaching and Learning Committee (Paul Tranter, School of Physical, Environmental and Mathematical Sciences, [p.tranter@adfa.edu.au](mailto:p.tranter@adfa.edu.au), 62688310)
2. Based on the nominations, the TLC will invite short-listed staff to provide a brief document (2 pages) outlining their teaching methods and achievements.
3. TLC recommends to Rector the names of staff whom it believes should receive an award.
4. TLC provides feedback to unsuccessful short-listed nominees.

### **Commendation**

The commendations will be in the form of a \$500 prize and a certificate that outlines the basis of the commendation. Recipients will be awarded their prize at a UNSW@ADFA Academic Board meeting.