

2024 Winners Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence

Celebrating exceptional efforts to support our students, demonstrate our shared values, and work to enhance our communities, while keeping our university strong and sustainable



2024 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence

Living our values

Award winner 2024

Professor Dr Muhammad Aziz Rahman

Excellence in collaborative worldwide research into critical public health issues and providing mentoring and leadership opportunities to colleagues and students



Year	Ranking within the World's Top Scientists
2024	0.1%
2023	0.2%
2022	0.3%
2021	1%
2020	2%



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Excellence in leadership and transformational change

Award winner 2024

Karen Schneider

Excellence in facilitating student placements and employment, fostering community connections, and building a capable and confident team

Commendation – Academic Services Team
Creating a unified, centralised service model



2024 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence

Excellence in inclusion

Award winner 2024

Aboriginal Education Centre

Excellence in work to attract and retain students, resulting in an uplift in the number of TAFE students from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds. Winner of the Wurreker Award for Innovative Koorie Learner Pathways TAFE



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Excellence in innovation

Award winner 2024

Semester 2 Squad

High praise for the innovative digital approach taken to boosting mid-year enrolments, with excellent results achieved, to carry over into 2025 enrolments. Exemplary collaboration across several teams



Excellence in innovation

Commendations 2024

Research Services

Competitive Grant Support Program and capacity building for researchers including early career

Dr Peter Sellings

Pilot of a new badged stream of the Bachelor of Secondary Education at Horsham

Kylie Turville

Positive and innovative approach to problem solving and innovations to fdlGrades



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Excellence in community engagement and impact

Award winner 2024

Professor Singarayer Florentine

A significant positive impact to Federation and the environmental sector via the 'Biodiversity Across the Borders' conference.



Commendation – Ready Set Go project team
Career exploration and aspiration-building of
secondary and primary students in East Gippsland



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Research excellence

Award winner 2024

Associate Professor Jiefeng (Jerry) Hu

High praise for securing the ARC Future Fellowship and associated funding for Federation, and development and mentoring of colleagues and HDR students



Commendation – Dr Meagan Dewar

Groundbreaking research in tracking avian influenza, particularly in Antarctic zones and locally



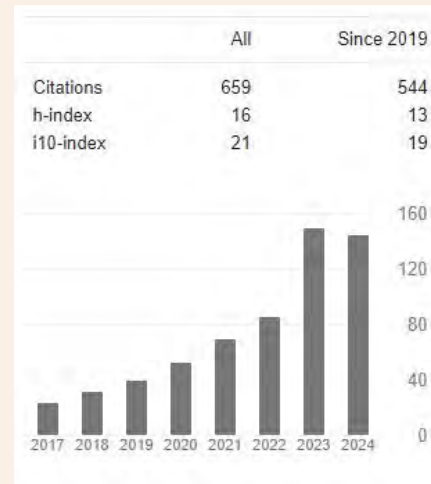
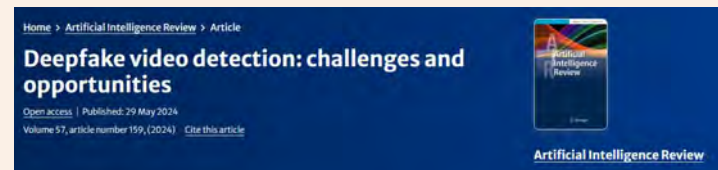
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Research excellence (early career)

Award winner 2024

Dr Azadeh Noori Hoshyar

Exceptional productivity in the important area of research combining AI and healthcare



Commendation – Elissa Dabkowski
Collaboration on community health projects and mentoring of colleagues and students

Excellence in industry engagement and impact

Commendations 2024

HIGHER EDUCATION

2024 Partner Conference
'Collaborative Horizons'

Global Professional Services team collaboration
with local industry

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Stuart Birkin

For his ongoing service, consistent
performance, and funding achievements



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Vocational teaching excellence

Award winner 2024

James McKenzie

High praise for the new and innovative practices he has established in engineering in wind-energy at TAFE, his strong collaborative relationships with industry, and exemplary demonstration of the University values



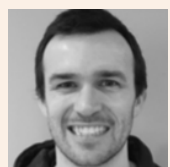
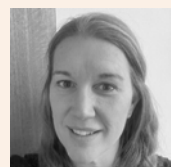
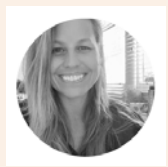
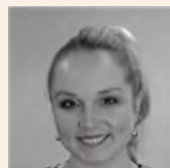
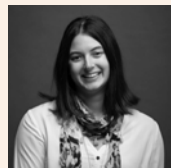
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Enhancing the student experience

Award winner 2024

Food Relief Initiative

Run by the Student Partnerships and Engagement Team, and the Student Access and Retention Team, this innovative, student-led initiative that had a broad and positive impact across campuses and addressed the significant issue of food insecurity for students.



Enhancing the Student Experience

Commendation 2024

TAFE Learner Excellence Committee

A highly student-centric approach to create a positive impact on the student and learning experience at TAFE

Excellence in delivering the Co-op model

Commendation 2024

Janine Shields

Exceptional dedication to supporting the Co-op Steering Committee



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Congratulations!

