



## The APTAs

The Australian Professional Teachers' Awards acknowledge the exemplary innovation and leadership carried out by individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the work undertaken by professional teaching associations.

To assist the APTA Awards Committee, we encourage state and territory joint council boards to nominate worthy educators to receive well deserved recognition for their outstanding service to professional teaching associations and the professional standing of teachers in Australia. The APTAs are presented at the annual conference of the Australian Professional Teachers' Association.

There are two award categories:

1. The Dorothy Hodinott Medal for outstanding lifetime leadership
2. Award for Meritorious Contribution to the Profession

### **Nominations**

#### **The Dorothy Hoddinott Medal:**

Associations are invited to nominate one individual from their state or territory. One award will be conferred.

#### **Awards for meritorious contribution to the profession:**

Joint Councils are invited to nominate up to five individuals from their state or territory. Seven awards will be conferred.

## **Applications**

Applications should:

1. Address the criteria
2. Be no more than two A4 pages
3. Be endorsed by the state or territory joint council Board and signed by the President

The state or territory joint council Board are:

- 1) Australian Capital Territory – COACTEA (Council of the ACT Education Associations)
  - 2) New South Wales – PTCNSW (Professional Teachers' Council NSW)
  - 3) Northern Territory – NTJCPTA (Northern Territory Joint Council of Professional Teaching Associations Inc)
  - 4) Queensland – JCQTA (Joint Council of Queensland Teacher Associations)
  - 5) South Australia – CEASA (Council of Education Associations of South Australia)
  - 6) Tasmania – NEAT (Network of Education Associations of Tasmania Inc)
  - 7) Victoria – CPTAV (Council of Professional Teaching Associations of Victoria Inc)
  - 8) Western Australia – PTCWA (Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia)
4. Be submitted electronically to the APTA office ([contactus@apta.edu.au](mailto:contactus@apta.edu.au))

## **Selection Process**

A judging panel will be convened to determine the award recipients. The judging panel will comprise members of the APTA Board. The judging panel will comprise the President, and three Board members. Once the Panel has completed its selections, the list of awards winners will be tabled at a specially convened Board teleconference to endorse the award winners

## **Confidentiality**

The award nomination process is confidential until it is completed and nominations have been approved by the APTA Board.

## **Award Notification**

APTA will contact successful nominees on completion of the process. State and territory Boards seeking further information or assistance with the nomination process can contact:

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Vice President  
Australian Professional Teachers' Association  
[contactus@apta.edu.au](mailto:contactus@apta.edu.au)

## **Conferral of Award**

The awards will be conferred at APTA's Annual Professional Learning Conference. APTA will subsidise the flight and accommodation of the award recipients outside of the host state or territory. Recipients will be presented with an APTA trophy and a framed copy of their citation.

## **Awards timeline**

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| 23 November 2011: | Nominations out                               |
| 19 December 2011: | Nominations close                             |
| 20 December 2011: | Awards Committee meets                        |
| 15 January 2012   | Awards selection completed                    |
|                   | Awards winners submitted to Board             |
| 17 January 2012:  | Nominees contacted for provision of citations |
| 1 February 2012   | Citations submitted                           |
| February 2012     | Awards conferred                              |
| March 2012        | Nominations out                               |

## **Australian Professional Teachers' Association**

### **The Dorothy Hoddinott Medal**

#### **For Outstanding Lifetime Achievement**

1. Wide recognition as an innovative leader of professional learning and engagement whose impact has directly influenced the work of teachers;
2. Sustained contribution to the teaching profession through significant, exemplary involvement in professional teaching associations at local and national level;
3. Sustained advocacy at a local and national level promoting the professional status of teachers;
4. Active contribution to the renewal and promotion of the profession through leadership at a local, state and national level and through presentations at conferences, workshops and publications in journals;
5. High-level leadership at a state or national level with a significant impact on the work of teachers;

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Award for Meritorious Contribution to the Profession**

1. Contribution to the professional standing of teachers through involvement in a range of activities that highlights work of professional teaching associations at a local level;
2. Acted as a mentor and facilitator for colleagues in promoting and leading professional learning activities and those carried out by the Association;
3. Actively support the objectives and purposes of professional teaching associations in the professional work of teachers;
4. Made a significant impact on the work of teachers through their ability to creatively implement change through professional learning;