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### Teaching prowess recognised

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Nine out of ten nominations from Flinders University have won citations in the national 2007 Carrick Australian Awards for University Teaching Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning. These citations, encompassing thirty members of the University staff, further strengthen Flinders's premier universities for teaching.

The awards will be presented to Flinders staff at a ceremony to be held in Adelaide today (August 9).

The University already has a strong record in the annual Australia-wide university teaching citation awards; last year seven nominations from Flinders received a citation. Flinders academics have also won the top national teaching award - the Prime Minister's Award for University Teaching - in both 2004 and 2006, as well as taking numerous awards in individual categories in recent years.

Flinders' Vice-Chancellor Professor Anne Edwards said that the latest result emphasises the benefits of the University's long-term commitment to the encouragement and support of quality and innovation in teaching.

"This remarkable level of success clearly confirms that Flinders has produced a cohort of passionate and talented teachers. Flinders University encourages quality and innovation in all our staff and has fostered a culture that rewards and acknowledges their efforts," Professor Edwards said.

"The real beneficiaries are our undergraduate and postgraduate students. The range of academic disciplines covered by the nine awards demonstrates that outstanding teaching practice is nurtured right across the breadth of the University's courses and programs.

"While Flinders is not one of the largest universities in national terms, we have a well-deserved national reputation for high achievement in both our teaching and research."

The winners of the Carrick Citations and their citations are listed below:

Dr Diana Glenn, Dr Eric Bouvet, Dr Maria Luz Long and Associate Professor Michael Tsianikas - For sustained excellence and leadership in the development of a diverse and innovative research-based curriculum in language pedagogy and cultural studies.

Associate Professor Elizabeth Handsley, Dr Christopher Reynolds and Ms Rebecca Laforgia - For innovation and effectiveness creating a framework to develop student independence through training in the generic and professional skill of group work.

Dr Lindy King, Dr Jane Neill and Ms Kerry Taylor - For sustained leadership of a collaborative academic and clinical mentorin program that encourages passion for clinical research, further study and publication among undergraduate nursing students

Associate Professor Kathleen Knights, Ms Karen Lillywhite, Mrs Gail Easterbrook, Professor John Miners and Dr Arduino Mangoni - For promotion of safe and effective medication management through an innovative e-learning pharmacology course for Nurse Practitioners in urban, rural and remote areas of Australia.

Dr Salah Kutieleh, Ms Sandra Egege, Ms Julia Miller, Ms Regina Sliuzas and Ms Jeni Thomas - For sustained excellence in developing and adapting support programs that allow international students to succeed academically and grow personally in Australia.

Ms Sue Lenthall, Ms Sabina Knight, Dr John Wakerman, Ms Heather Jensen and Ms Tahniah Edwards - For the design and implementation of a multidisciplinary curriculum to meet the learning needs of Remote Health Professionals.

Dr Ian Menz, Ms Karen Burke Da Silva and Mr David Wood - For leadership in the development of an interactive model of teaching focused on engagement and retention in large science based classes.

Associate Professor Joe Shapter - Through the leadership of Associate Professor Joe Shapter, Flinders University established the world's first nanotechnology undergraduate degree using many ground breaking approaches to science education.

Ms Jan Thompson - For a courageous, long standing commitment, to developing curriculum and teaching health professionals about the impact of discriminatory practices on the provision of health care.

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