



AUBEA Awards 2026

Celebrating Impact and Innovation in Built Environment Education

Introducing the AUBEA Awards

The AUBEA Awards mark a new chapter for our community — a formal, annual celebration of the excellence in research, teaching, and industry collaboration that has always defined built environment education across Australasia.

The AUBEA Awards recognise researchers, educators, and industry partners who are making a genuine difference to construction management education across Australasia. From early-career academics to long-serving leaders, these awards acknowledge the full range of contributions that make our discipline stronger.

What We Recognise

The AUBEA Awards span four categories, covering the full breadth of contribution to built environment education and research.

A. Research Awards

For individuals and teams advancing knowledge in construction management and related disciplines — at any stage of a research career.

- Early-Career Research Excellence
- Mid-Career Research Excellence
- Research Impact Award (Individual or Team)

B. Teaching Excellence Awards

For educators who inspire, innovate, and make a lasting difference to student learning and professional readiness.

- Early-Career Teaching Excellence
- Teaching Excellence
- Teaching Excellence — Indigenous Category
- Team Teaching Excellence

C. Industry-Academic Collaboration Award

For industry organisations whose partnership with an AUBEA member institution has made a lasting contribution to learning and teaching, or to research and knowledge exchange. One award is presented annually across both streams.

D. Lifetime Achievement Award

A peer-nominated honour recognising a distinguished academic whose career has transformed construction management education and whose influence will be felt across the discipline for years to come.

How It Works

Most awards are open for self-nomination. The Lifetime Achievement Award is peer-nominated only.

All nominations are assessed by an independent panel of senior academics and industry representatives, who look for clear evidence of innovation, impact, and meaningful improvement in outcomes.

Finalists are announced on 22 September 2026 and featured on the AUBEA website and social media. Certificates and cash awards are presented at the AUBEA Annual Conference dinner on 17 November 2026. Registration and attendance at the conference is required to receive an award.

Award values

Research, Teaching, and Industry-Academic Collaboration awards: AU\$500 each

Lifetime Achievement Award: AU\$1,000

Key Dates

Nomination deadline	28 May 2026
Finalists announced	22 September 2026
Awards ceremony	17 November 2026 — AUBEA Annual Conference Dinner

How to Apply

To apply, download the application instructions and the corresponding application form for your award category from the AUBEA Awards page on the [AUBEA website](#). Read the instructions carefully before completing the form.

Submit your completed form and all required attachments to the [submission link](#) by 28 May 2026.

For any questions, please contact the AUBEA Awards Convenor, Prof. Thayaparan Gajendran at thayaparan.gajendran@newcastle.edu.au.