



MATT DODDS SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

Background

The Matt Dodds Scholarship is an initiative designed to promote the attendance and participation of teachers at CONASTA each year. Matt Dodds is generously sponsoring **the teacher registration cost for one teacher to attend CONASTA in-person.**

Matt Dodds is a physics teacher, professional development presenter, ASTRO 3D teacher volunteer and the National Astronomy Education Coordinator for the International Astronomical Union Office of Astronomy for Education.

Criteria for selection

Applicants must comply with the following criteria to be judged eligible for this award:

1. Work in a government school.
2. Be in the first 10 years of teaching.

Selection

Applicants must complete an Application Form (available at <http://asta.edu.au/awards/mattdodds>) and return it to asta@asta.edu.au by the closing date specified on the form. Applications will be assessed by a selection panel that includes Matt Dodds, an ASTA Board member and a member of the CONASTA organising committee.

Applicants are assessed according to their answers to three key questions:

1. Why are you passionate about science and science teaching?
2. What do you aim to get out of CONASTA?
3. What is one of your favourite experiments to engage students?

Closing date for applications: **Please refer to the application form.**

Scholarship Recipient & Conditions

The scholarship recipient is announced and presented at a plenary session of CONASTA. The winner is asked to write a brief article for an edition of the Teaching Science journal published after CONASTA each year on their experience of CONASTA and what they gained from attending. The scholarship is awarded only for the current year's CONASTA and will not be held over for the following year. Should CONASTA not go ahead due to any circumstance the scholarship recipient will be required to re-apply for any following CONASTA. The scholarship only covers the cost of one in-person teacher registration, all other costs such as social events, accommodation, travel is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.

Questions

Any questions can be sent to asta@asta.edu.au or (02) 6282 9377.