



2024 Teacher Awards

Overview

The ASTA Teacher Awards recognise outstanding contributions made by classroom teachers to science education to develop **inquiry, innovation and ingenuity skills** in their students. Each state and territory Science Teachers Association may nominate two finalists in total – one nomination for each of the two judging categories.

Finalists will be chosen for their excellence in teaching, their support of open-ended student investigations and their suitability to represent their state or territory. All finalists will receive a certificate of recognition. First prize in each category will also receive prize money.

Category Prizes

- 1st prize: ASTA Teacher Award
- 1st prize: Regional Teacher Award

Entry Requirements

The ASTA i-Cubed Science Teacher Awards are open to Australian permanent residents who are primary or secondary teachers of science currently teaching in the classroom (minimum teaching load 50%). Only one application per category per STA is permitted and the STA President must validate each entry and provide a summary for their nominee.

Submissions must include the following supporting documentation:

1. Teacher Professional Statement – A teacher declaration, showing acceptance of the nomination, supporting comments from the relevant supervisor and confirmation from an authorised STA representative which includes a written summary to support the nomination.
2. A recent headshot photograph suitable for publication.

Please provide your completed **supporting documents and photograph** to your nominating STA. STAs will submit their nominations into the ASTA i-Cubed Science Teacher Awards portal along with the nominated teacher's completed supporting documentation.

Teacher Professional Statement

Nominee: _____ STA: _____

Please provide an outline of your relevant work experience (200 words max)

Please describe how you demonstrate excellence in your teaching (100-200 words)

Please describe how you support open-ended student investigations in your classroom (100-200 words)

Please describe why you believe you would be suitable to represent your state or territory (100-200 words)

Nominee's Declaration

I, the below signed, accept my nomination for the ASTA i-Cubed Science Teacher Awards, and declare the information provided in this Teacher Professional Statement to be true and accurate.

By signing this document, I consent to ASTA to use my name and photo on their website and social media to promote this event.

Nominee Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Nominee signature

Date

Supervisor Acknowledgement

I, the below signed, as the nominee's supervisor, acknowledge and support their nomination for the ASTA i-Cubed Science Teacher Awards.

Supervisor Name: _____

Supervisor Position: _____

Supervisor signature

Date

Please provide a few comments on the teacher being nominated.

STA Confirmation

Please provide a supportive statement to summarise why this nominee was selected by your STA for the ASTA i-Cubed Awards.

I, the below signed, confirm the nominee's STA nomination for the ASTA Teacher Awards.

Authorising Name: _____

Authorising Position: _____

STA Authorised signature

Date