



DATTA Queensland Teacher Excellence Awards

General Information

The DATTA Queensland Teacher Excellence Award program was established to recognise Design & Technology teachers (and other industry associates) who contribute to the profession, serve as models for their colleagues and demonstrate excellence in the classroom. It should be noted that the term "Design & Technology teachers" is meant to include all teaching areas in the subject area, including areas such as engineering and STEM.

The award serves to provide public recognition for Queensland Design & Technology teachers with candidates being nominated by their colleagues. They may also self-nominate.

These awards are made each year and one of the awardees will become the Queensland nomination for the *DATTA Australia Educator of the Year award*, which is announced at their conference.

Award Categories

- **Design & Technology Teacher Award**
 - meets all criteria and demonstrates excellence in classroom enactment.
- **Service to Design & Technology Education Award**
 - exempt from all criteria. Examples of Nominees in this category can include: community member(s), long-time supporter(s) (Business or Individual), Teacher Aides and retired member(s) etc. who have supported the Design & Technology teaching area.

Eligibility Criteria

All candidates for a Teacher Excellence Award must be characterised as providing high quality, learner centered and relevant Technology & Design education instruction. Nominations for a Teacher Excellence Award must meet the following eligibility criteria.

The teacher:

- must be certified to teach with the Qld College of Teachers
- must be employed and working in a public, private or independent school in Queensland
- must teach classes in Design and/or Technology education
- nomination must be seconded by the school's administration as a professional worthy of recognition.

Award criteria

Nominees must:

- exemplify excellence in teaching; demonstrate an ability to engage students, have a sound knowledge and understanding of the technology curriculum and promote the area within their school and to the broader community
- teach courses that represent good Technology and Design education using accepted state or national standards
- be committed to continuing professional development
- contribute to the profession through ongoing service.

Selection Process

The DATTA Qld Awards Coordinator and Secretary will evaluate each application according to the criteria set out above. Where the Awards Coordinator and Secretary cannot come to agreement over the award winner/s, the DATTA Qld President will make the final decision.

Schedule

Applications for the DATTA Qld Excellence Award must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator and Secretary by the closing date. The 2026 nominations **closing date is 5pm, Sunday 31 May 2026.**

Announcement and presentation of the 2026 DATTA Qld Excellence Awards will occur at the DATTA Qld conference dinner on the 18 June 2026.



Application Submission

The application for the DATTA Qld Teacher Excellence Awards is to be completed using the documentation below/following pages.

Please use the nominees surname followed by the letters DATTAQEA (e.g. surnameDATTAQEA) when saving the application and email the file to the DATTA Qld Secretary. (secretary@dattaqld.org.au) Applications received after **5pm, Sunday 31 May 2026** will not be considered.

Supporting Documentation

When considering a nominee for an award, the supporting documentation may include, but are not limited to the following examples:

- Excellence in the development of a new design and technology program.
- Innovation in the teaching of Technology Education.
- Excellence in integrating Technology Education.
- Continuing excellence in the teaching and promotion of Technology Education in a school setting.
- The program developed/delivered falls within the curriculum guidelines.
- The teacher displays excellence in their approach to the teaching of Technology Education in line with current pedagogy.
- Excellence in a person's contribution to the area of Design and Technology education.
- It could be awarded for ongoing work OR for a special contribution during the past year.
- Excellence in the development of Technology Education support materials.
- Excellence in the promotion of Technology Education.
- Excellence in the delivery of Technology Education professional development.
- Excellence in liaising with other organisations and/or associations about technology education.
- Contributions to technology education that have assisted teachers in schools.
- The educator has contributed to Design and Technology education outside their normal teaching/workload.
- The educator exhibits an outstanding or unique understanding of Design and Technology education that has enhanced or allowed others to develop their skills/understanding.
- The educator exhibits sound pedagogical skills and the ability to work alongside fellow teachers of Technology and promote the study of Technology Education in the state or national setting.
- The educator demonstrates leadership in the field of Technology Education.



Datta Qld Teacher Excellence Awards NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's name	
Nominees school	
Nominees email address	
Nominator's name	
Nominator's school	
Nominators email address	

I, the nominees' supervisor, certify that the information contained in this application is a true and accurate reflection of the candidates' ability as a Design and Technology educator.

Supervisor's name	
Supervisors School AND position	
Supervisor's email address	

Award Category being nominated for (please tick the relevant box)

- Classroom Design & Technology Teacher Award
- Service to Design & Technology Education Award

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Nominee's name	
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Thank you for your support of DATTA Queensland.