ASCILITE Getting Started Guide

Welcome to **ASCILITE**, the **Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education**, considered Australasia's foremost community, leading and advocating for excellence in the use of digital technologies in tertiary education.

Our key communication medium is the **ASCILITE Bulletin**. The bulletin is emailed to all current members on a fortnightly basis and contains news items such as worldwide TEL related conferences, upcoming webinars, job vacancies at tertiary institutions, SIG activities, and ASCILITE annual conference updates.

A key event for ASCILITE is the **Annual Conference**, which typically runs in November/December each year, with a call for peer-reviewed papers opening around May each year.

ASCILITE publishes the *Australasian Journal of Educational Technology* (**AJET**) is an open-access journal that promotes research and scholarship on the integration of technology in tertiary education, champions effective practice, and informs policy.

The ASCILITE **Awards** include the life member award, the innovation award, the emerging scholar award, the community fellow award, and a student conference bursary. All members are welcome to apply.

Members connect with the community via the ASCILITE **TELall Blog**. The TELall blog is a forum to engage with others about issues, topics, theories and research in regard to the use of digital technologies in tertiary learning and teaching. Everyone is welcome to connect and share articles so please join us!

ASCILITE supports multiple Special Interest Groups (**SIGs**). A Special Interest Group (SIG) is a community within a larger organization with a shared interest in advancing a specific area of knowledge, learning or technology. An individual does not need to be an ASCILITE member to be a member of a SIG.

ASCILITE supports the professional standards framework of the UK Association for Learning Technology. The Certified Member of the Association for Learning Technology (**CMALT**) accreditation provides members of ASCILITE the opportunity for peer-reviewed recognition in technology-enhanced learning.

The ASCILITE Community Mentoring Program (**CMP**) encourages networking and connection by seeking to involve participants in a professional mentoring relationship built between learners (the mentees) and experienced practitioners (the mentors).

ASCILITE has pioneered the Technology Enhanced Learning Accreditation Standards (**TELAS**), a set of internationally benchmarked standards assessing the quality of online learning in the tertiary sector.

The **Spring into Excellence Research School** provides support and guidance to participants in developing and progressing Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) research initiatives.

To facilitate networking, **ASCILITE LIVE! Webinars** serve as professional development and a community of practice in the interim between conferences.

The ASCILITE **Women in Academic Leadership** initiative began in 2021 to provide mentoring opportunities for academics at levels C and D (or equivalent), with mentors from Levels D and E.

Finally, the ASCILITE Executive would love for you to connect with the ASCILTE society on **Social Media**. Our social media channels help you to connect, collaborate, network and engage with ASCILITE members. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Instagram, and welcome once again to ASCILITE!

To make contact with ASCILITE please email secretariat@ascilite.org.