

## **ALTC National Teaching Fellowship**

Murdoch University's Professor David T. Hill has been awarded a prestigious National Teaching Fellowship by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council to develop a national strategic plan for the advancement of Indonesian language in Australian universities.

**Key activities**: In a consultative process, staff and students at all Indonesian-teaching universities – together with professional associations and relevant staff within Departments of Education – are being involved in an analysis of the problems facing, and strategies viable for, the reinvigoration of Indonesian language learning. A Discussion Paper is being developed to stimulate debate and a National Colloquium will bring together Indonesian language educators to explore and evaluate proposals for the strengthening of Indonesian. Drawing upon such analysis, and overseas experiences, the Fellowship will develop a national strategy for the future of Indonesian in Australian universities, for presentation to government and universities as a policy paper.

The Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) is dedicated to improving the student learning experience by supporting quality teaching and practice. With an annual budget of approximately \$27 million the ALTC supports outstanding teaching and practice through a suite of award, fellowship and grant schemes. All programs are designed to enhance the quality of teaching and learning in higher education, facilitate innovation and collaboration, and disseminate best practice.

ALTC National Teaching Fellowships are awarded to outstanding scholars who are respected leaders in learning and teaching in higher education. National Teaching Fellows undertake a significant program of fellowship activities, contribute to various ALTC events and develop national and international networks appropriate to the Fellowship activities.

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