

John Croucher University Teacher of the Year

Statistician and longstanding AustMS member, John Croucher, Professor of Management at the Macquarie Graduate School of Management, was presented with the Prime Minister's Award for University Teacher of the Year by Senator Scott Ryan on 19 November 2013.

The award has a value of \$50 000, and is the premier university teaching award in Australia. It is made to an academic with 'an exceptional record of advancing student learning, educational leadership and scholarly contribution to teaching and learning'. This is Professor Croucher's fourth National Teaching Award, previous ones being in 2006, 2007 and 2012.



John Croucher with Senator Scott Ryan

The citation from the Office for Learning and Teaching reads as follows.

For over 35 years Professor John Croucher has been a leading statistician and educator with an international reputation for excellence and innovation. Embracing a philosophy of making statistics relevant and transformative, John is a national and international multi-award winner for his superior learning, innovation, teaching skills, community outreach and research.

Professor Croucher is also a prolific author and much of his work is directed to the improvement of learning and teaching at all levels. He was awarded the prestigious Distinguished Alumni Award from Macquarie for bringing scientific methods, not only to thousands of students, but also to over one million readers of his weekly newspaper column. In 2009 he voluntarily instigated a community outreach program for the Indigenous students in Papua New Guinea where he designed and lectured in a creative pioneer MBA degree. For his outstanding achievements John was made a Visiting Professor and awarded an honorary PhD for his 'outstanding contribution to the development of humanity'.