



National recognition for outstanding teachers of French in Australia 2026



Following the success of the 2020, 2022 and 2024 awards, FATFA is pleased to announce that we are once again offering two awards to recognise outstanding teachers of French. To promote the profession of «professeur de français» and to celebrate the international «Journée du prof de français» on Thursday 26 November 2026, FATFA would like to officially recognise outstanding teachers of French at a national level, in conjunction with the Ambassade de France, SBS French Radio, ASFS and state Teachers of French Associations: AFTV, MLTA-ACT, LTQ, NAFT, SAFTA, TAFT and TOFAWA.

Do you know amazing teachers who show great enthusiasm and passion for their profession? Teachers who motivate, inspire their students with innovative teaching practices, and support and empower their colleagues?

You can nominate a teacher in one of these 2 categories:

1. Prix du Jeune Espoir – Rising Star Award

Criteria:

1. 5 years or less of teaching French
2. Member of their local French teacher association
3. Currently teaching French at an institution included in the Australian education system
4. Demonstrate enthusiasm and passion for teaching French
5. Promote excellent teaching through innovative practices
6. Enhance students' learning experience by catering for diverse groups and individual needs
7. Endorsement of President of state or territory association (see p.2 nomination form)

2. Prix du Prof de français de l'année (Expert) – Award for French Teacher of the Year

Criteria:

- + all of the above
8. More than 5 years of teaching
 9. Inspire and support other teachers of French through mentorship, sharing experience and teaching practices
 10. Demonstrate significant contribution to the profession (e.g. involvement with professional association, local community, staff development, diverse networks / organisations etc.)

Please note that previous winners are ineligible for the next two iterations of the award.

Applications **must** address the above criteria, not exceed 500 words, include the attached cover page and **may** include digital material as evidence. Applications need to be sent by Sunday 27 September, 2026 to the Selection Committee Panel: fatfapresident@gmail.com

Nominees should be made aware of their nomination, and school principals and heads of languages informed. Laureates may be interviewed by SBS French Radio and broadcast during the week beginning Monday 23 November, 2026.

The award has been created in a collegial spirit to celebrate the passion and commitment of our profession and increase public awareness. It remains at the discretion of the Selection Committee Panel as to which nominee is deserving of the awards. A maximum of 1 award in each category will be made each year.

Nomination for:

- Prix du Jeune Espoir – Rising Star Award
- Prix du Prof de français de l'Année – Award for Australian teacher of French of the year

Name of Nominee:

State association name:

Nominee's email:

Level taught by Nominee: (please choose):

- French as a foreign language (Primary school)
- French as a foreign language (High school)
- Bilingual education (Primary school)
- Bilingual education (High school)
- CLIL (Primary school)
- CLIL (High school)
- Distance education (Primary school)
- Distance education (High school)
- French as background/mother tongue language (Primary school)
- French as background/mother tongue language (High school)
- University level
- Other (please specify): _____

Name of school/institution:

Name and email address of principal:

Name and email address of head of languages/department (if applicable):

Nominator details

Name and email address of nominator:

Relationship to nominee: _____

Signature:

Endorsement of State/Territory Association President (on behalf of association executive committee)

Name of Association President: _____

Email: _____

I endorse the nominee and confirm that they are a current financial member.

Signature:

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