

Member Awards - Philomena Leung

In this series we feature IIA-Australia Members who have been recognised with awards past and present.

Name

Professor Philomena Leung

Location

Professor of Accounting and Governance and Associate Dean – International for the Macquarie Business School at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia.

Professional role

I have responsibility to oversee all international affairs at Macquarie Business School including international partnerships, research and project collaborations, bi-lateral and multi-lateral relationships incorporating activities involving government bodies, international recruitment, engagement and intellectual exchange.

What award did you win?

The Bob McDonald Award 2019.

How did the award come about?

I was inaugural chair of the IIA-Australia Education Committee and worked to develop the Graduate Certificate in Internal Auditing from accreditation to establishment of policies and procedures, and contributing to promotion of the internal audit profession through guest lectures workshops and promotion activities.

I chaired the Education Committee Committee 2011–2014 and 2017–2018 and served as a member 2014–2017 and 2018–2020, playing a vital role advancing professional interests in internal audit education.

I have contributed to IIA research for a long time including publication of the Internal Audit Profiles with Professor Barry J Cooper for Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia and Singapore. I also represented the Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) region for the Common Body of Knowledge (CBOK) studies commissioned by the IIA–Global.

What came out of receiving the award?

It was a surprise and it has instilled a broader interest for me in internal audit.

What are you doing now?

I continue to support the IIA in its endeavours both professionally and academically. At present I am helping to write a topic on culture and emotional intelligence for the Graduate Certificate in Internal Auditing final module and have supported the IIA-Australia Education Committee for technical matters.

