



MATHEMATICS EDUCATION RESEARCH GROUP OF AUSTRALASIA, INC.

THE MERGA CAREER RESEARCH MEDAL 2026

It is with great pleasure that the Mathematics Education Research Group of Australasia hereby announces the awarding of the MERGA Career Research Medal to **Professor Vince Geiger**, Australian Catholic University, Brisbane, in recognition of his outstanding commitment to research in mathematics education for over three decades.

Professor Geiger's research has advanced knowledge in numeracy, digital technology in mathematics education, mathematical modelling and applications, and recently into the challenges of disruptive times, including big data, artificial intelligence and the socio-ecological turn.

Professor Geiger came to the academy after 22 years as a mathematics teacher, and this dual foundation as practitioner and researcher is evident in his scholarship. His work has shaped not only classroom practice, but also research agendas in the field, demonstrating impact in Australia and beyond across professional learning, cross-curricular numeracy tasks and modelling frameworks.

Professor Geiger's career demonstrates an outstanding record of scholarship. His research has received significant competitive funding, including four consecutive Australian Research Council Discovery projects 2012. He was listed in the World's Top 2% of Scientists with leading publications ranking among the most cited in the field.

Professor Geiger's career has involved sustained research-related contributions to MERGA since the 1990s. He received the Practical Implications Award in 1995 while still working as a secondary teacher, and in 2017 was among the team recognised with the MERGA Research Award for outstanding program of research on numeracy across the curriculum. He served as Secretary of MERGA (2009–2012), Associate Editor of the *Mathematics Education Research Journal* (2013–2018), and since 2022 has led the journal as Editor-in-Chief, a period in which it has markedly strengthened its international profile and standing. He has co-edited MERGA conference proceedings, contributed to awards judging panels, and supported the development of early career researchers through workshops on academic publishing and reviewing.

Professor Vince Geiger is an eminently worthy recipient of the MERGA Career Research Medal in 2026.
