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THE HEAD OF SCHOOL'S PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING PHD RESEARCH IN LAW CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION

Each year the ANU Law School may offer one award known as the Head of School's Prize for Outstanding PhD Research in Law ('The Award').

The objective of the prize is to recognise the most outstanding thesis of the year submitted by a student of the ANU Law School who has been awarded the Doctor of Philosophy.

The value of the prize awarded is \$1000. If two or more students achieve the same top mark, the prize awarded in that year shall be divided equally between them.

The prize will be on offer annually from 2024 unless otherwise advised.

Funding for this prize has been provided by the ANU Law School.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to an ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic or international student; and
- (b) has been awarded the Doctor of Philosophy from the ANU Law School during the calendar year relevant to the award of the prize; and
- (c) has submitted, in the views of the selection committee, the most outstanding thesis.

3. SELECTION AND CONSTRAINTS

Each year, the ANU Law HDR Director (or delegate) will compile a list of the ANU Law School students who are nominated by the ANU Law School for the ANU Crawford Prize ('long list'). From the long list, the ANU Law HDR Director will then compile a short list consisting of no more than four (4) students, who must be the students whose theses received the strongest examiners' assessments in the examiners' reports.

The ANU Law HDR Director will ask the Primary Supervisor of each shortlisted student for a short statement in support of the student, unless this has already been provided in respect of the student's nomination for the ANU Crawford Prize ('supervisor statement').

The ANU Law HDR Director will convene the *Head of School's Prize for Outstanding PhD Research in Law Selection Committee* ('Selection Committee'), chaired by the ANU Law HDR Director, which will also include at least two other permanent senior academics staff members of the ANU Law School, with experience in supervising or administering higher degree research academic.

Selection will be made by the Selection Committee on the basis of the originality in addressing a significant research problem, rigorous methodology with clear and reproducible results, and a substantial contribution to the academic field that advances knowledge or practice of the thesis, the strength of the examiners report and supporting statement.

The ANU Law School reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The ANU Law School may also vary the number of prizes if multiple winners are identified by splitting the prize.

If the program Doctor of Philosophy ceases to be offered at the ANU School of Law or is not offered in a given year, it is at the discretion of the Head of School of the ANU Law School (or delegate) to nominate a prize recipient who was enrolled in a program which has similar content.

Where required, the ANU Medals Committee will be available for qualitative or subjective assessment determinants if a decision is not reached within the College to determine prize winners.

4. RECIPIENT OBLIGATIONS

The awarding of a prize is based on the information provided to the University. A prize may be declined by the recipient once they have been notified as the prize winner. This must be provided in writing to the ANU Law School no later than two weeks from notification.

If the prize is accepted by the recipient, they agree to the Publication of their name.

In some instances the recipient may be asked to:

- 1) write a letter of thanks to the donor;
- 2) participate in marketing activities and/or asked to provide a reflective statement.

5. REVIEW OF PRIZE

The award will be reviewed:

- (a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in clause 6 of the ANU Prizes Procedure; or
- (b) if any eligibility requirements are to be amended; or
- (c) after five years

whichever is earliest.

6. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis, these conditions of award may be varied by the Head of School of the ANU Law School (or delegate) on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

7. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

All enquiries regarding the prize and changes, issues, or further information after acceptance should be made to:

*College Student and Education Support
5 Fellows Road
The Australian National University*

Canberra ACTON 2601
AUSTRALIA

Email: enquiries.clgp@anu.edu.au

8. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of this award is subject to The Australian National University Act 1991 as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Resolutions of the University.

These conditions of award should be read in conjunction with the University's Coursework Scholarships Policy & Procedures available from the ANU website.

9. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

ANU Prizes Policy

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_016212

ANU Prizes Procedure

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_016213

ANU Academic Integrity Rule

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00997>

ANU Discipline Rule

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00998>