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KIRSTEN SJOLANDER MEMORIAL PRIZE CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION

Each year the ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy may offer one award known as the Kirsten Sjolander Memorial Prize ('The Award').

The objective of the prize is to recognise the student(s) who has demonstrated a high level of academic excellence through being awarded the highest result in LAWS8234 International and Comparative Human Rights Law at the ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy.

The value of the prize awarded is \$500. 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 unless otherwise advised.

Funding for this prize has been provided by alumni, staff, friends and family of Kirsten Sjolander and the ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy.

The Kirsten Sjolander Memorial Prize was established in memory of ANU Law PhD student, Kirsten Sjolander, who passed away in March 2017 following an 18-month battle with an aggressive form of melanoma. She was an inspiration to the ANU Law community with her research exploring the intersection between law and neuroscience, seeking the origins of human rights concepts.

Kirsten had a 20-year career in human rights and international relations and twice received the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (HOSM) from the Australian Governor-General for her human rights and humanitarian work abroad. She worked as a human rights defender and humanitarian aid worker with the United Nations; the Director for Human Rights and Indigenous Issues and Director for Southern and Central Africa with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and held positions with the Australian Trade Commission and the former Australian Agency for International Development and various international NGOs. She worked in several parts of Asia, Africa and the Middle East including Burma, Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territory, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kenya, the Sudan, Kuwait, Iraq, Jordan, Cyprus, Lebanon, and Bosnia.

2. ELIGIBILITY

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

- (a) is a domestic or international student; and
- (b) is enrolled in the course LAWS8234 International and Comparative Human Rights Law at the ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy during the calendar year relevant to the award of the prize; and
- (c) achieved the best result in the course LAWS8234 International and Comparative Human Rights Law as shown by the award of the highest mark.

3. SELECTION AND CONSTRAINTS

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit through the award of the highest mark in the course.

A student is not eligible to be awarded the prize if:

- (a) the student is making a second or subsequent attempt at the course; or
- (b) the student has previously pursued a course of study in a course, (whether at the University or another tertiary education institution), the content of which, is in the opinion of the Dean of the ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy (or delegate), substantially similar to the content of the course for which the prize is to be awarded.

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

If the course LAWS8234 International and Comparative Human Rights Law ceases to be offered or is not offered in a given year, it is at the discretion of the Dean of the ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy (or delegate) to nominate a prize recipient who was enrolled in a course within the International Law specialisation (PG), as part of the Juris Doctor, Master of Laws and the Master of International Law and Diplomacy programs.

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 College of Law, Governance and Policy 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 Dean of the ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy (or delegate) on the recommendation of the College Student and Education Support team.

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>