



Balson Prize in Materialism and Protoconsciousness

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION

Each year the School of Philosophy may offer an award known as the Balson Prize in Materialism and Protoconsciousness (“the award”).

The prize is awarded annually to the student who has submitted the best piece of written work in the area of Materialism and Protoconsciousness.

The value of the prize awarded is \$2,000.

The prize will be on offer on an ongoing basis

Funding for this award has been provided by Mr Dennis Balson, an independent scholar with an interest in the philosophy of consciousness.

2. ELIGIBILITY

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

- (a) a domestic or international student
- (b) enrolled in any undergraduate or postgraduate program in the School of Philosophy, College of Arts and Social Sciences;
- (c) is undertaking research or coursework on the topics of Materialism and Protoconsciousness, or work that most closely approximates to those topics, as assessed by the Director of the Centre for Consciousness, School of Philosophy, in consultation with other members of faculty who are associated with that Centre.

3. SELECTION AND CONSTRAINTS

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit, as assessed by the Director of the Centre for Consciousness, School of Philosophy, in consultation with other members of faculty who are associated with that Centre.

The School reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The School may also vary the number of awards and/or offer the award at other times in exceptional circumstances or based on the standard of applications or students (where funds allow).

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 College of Arts and Social Sciences no later than four 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 participate in marketing activities and/or be asked to provide a reflective statement.

5. REVIEW OF PRIZE

The award will be reviewed:

- (a) If the funding no longer exists
- (b) if any eligibility requirements are to be amended
- (c) after 3 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 on the recommendation of the Head of School.

7. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

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

Name of School – School of Philosophy

College Name – College of Arts and Social Sciences

Email: phil.admin.cass@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.

The award of a scholarship/grant does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

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 Misconduct Rules – <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01785>

ANU Discipline Rules – <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01792>