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HANK NELSON PRIZE CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION

Every two years the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific may an award known as the Hank Nelson Prize.

The objective/s of the prize are to honour the memory of Hank Nelson and his commitment to Papua New Guinea, and to acknowledge the best Doctor of Philosophy thesis submitted by any student, internationally, on any aspect of Papua New Guinea's history or society in which Hank Nelson was interested.

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

The prize will be on offer from 2024.

Funding for this prize has been provided by the Hank Nelson Memorial Endowment.

2. ELIGIBILITY

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

- (a) a domestic or international student.
- (b) completed the examination process for the award of Doctor of Philosophy within the last two years;
- (c) had a thesis that focussed on any aspect of Papua New Guinea's history and society in which Hank Nelson was interested and was at least sixty thousand (60, 000) words in length.

3. SELECTION AND CONSTRAINTS

Selection is made on the basis of eligibility conditions, set in Section Two (2. Eligibility)). The Award will be offered to the most outstanding research thesis focussed on any aspect of Papua New Guinea's history and society in which Hank Nelson was interested. Definitions of excellence are open to interpretation. Consideration may also be given to other factors which the Selection Committee considers to be appropriate.

A Selection Committee will be appointed and will make a recommendation for this award based on thesis as examined and subject to the completion of necessary documentation.

The Selection Committee shall consist of at least three members and will make a recommendation to the Dean of the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific or nominee.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to not award a recipient of the Prize in any given round, to vary the number of Award recipients, or to make Award/s at other times in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Dean (or nominee/Selection Committee). If the Committee deems it, the Award may be split between two theses of equal merit. The College reserves the right to revise the Prize conditions.

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 cap.student@anu.edu.au 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 Section 1 or clause 6 of the ANU Prizes Procedure; or
- (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 Chair of Selection Committee.

7. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

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

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College of Asia and the Pacific
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Building 9 Room 1.151
The Australian National University
Canberra ACTON 2601
AUSTRALIA*

Email: cap.student@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 Prizes and 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 Student Financial Awards Policy

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607

ANU Academic Misconduct Rules –

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>

ANU Discipline Rules –

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