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McCusker Prize in Humanitarian Engineering CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION

Each year the College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics may offer up to three Awards known as the McCusker Prize in Humanitarian Engineering.

Humanitarian engineering at the ANU encompasses the use of engineering and/or technology from disaster response and risk reduction through to long-term development, both in Australia and overseas, with the aim of improving quality of life and human wellbeing for all.

The objective/s of the prize are to acknowledge and celebrate the impact that students of humanitarian engineering have already made, and incentivise Prize recipients to extend or implement their work or impact in the field.

The value of the prize/s awarded is a minimum of two Prizes a year valued at \$11,250 or a maximum of three Prizes a year valued at \$7,500.

The prize will be on offer in perpetuity.

Funding for this prize has been provided by the McCusker Charitable Foundation.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to an ANU student or team of students who meet the following criteria:

- (a) a domestic or international student;
- (b) has completed at least 48 units and is enrolled in at least their second year of an undergraduate program at the College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics; or
- (c) has completed at least 24 units and is enrolled in a coursework postgraduate program at the College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics; and
- (d) has demonstrated a commitment to the development of impactful humanitarian engineering, which have significant potential for real-world benefit.

3. SELECTION AND CONSTRAINTS

Selection is made on the basis of an application submitted by an individual student, or group of students, which outlines their completed project and plans on how they would continue to engage in creating positive impact through engineering and technology. Other factors such as priority of project work, scale and scope of completed work, potential for impact from proposed plans and availability of other funding and support may also be taken into account.

Preference will be given to students who will use the prize money to continue their project on the ground and who have a clear plan to demonstrate social impact.

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

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 Chair of the Selection Committee no later than two (2) 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.
- 3) articulate to the donor how the prize will / has enabled them to achieve social impact.

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, College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics 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:

*Academic Services
College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics
CSIT Building #108
The Australian National University
Canberra ACTON 2601
AUSTRALIA*

Email: education.cecc@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>