



SCIENCE COMMUNICATION UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PRIZE

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION

Each year the Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science may offer one prize known as the Science Communication Undergraduate Research Prize.

The objective of the prize is to recognise excellence in original research conducted by a third year or honours level science communication student.

The value of the prize awarded is \$200.

The prize will be on offer in perpetuity, provided there is funding for it.

Funding for this prize has been provided by donors to the Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science Endowment, which was established in 2013.

2. ELIGIBILITY

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

- (a) is a domestic or international student.
- (b) is enrolled in a program leading to the award of a degree of Bachelor.
- (c) that year completed science communication honours or the third year science communication research project course.

3. SELECTION AND CONSTRAINTS

Selection is made on the basis of the highest mark achieved for the major report or thesis documenting original research that was conducted either through science communication honours or the third year science communication research project course. Other factors such as outstanding technical mastery and exceptional academic values in the conduct of the project and in writing about it may also be taken into account. To be considered 'original research', the research project that is the subject of the report or thesis must have (i) been designed and implemented by the student, under supervision but demonstrating considerable independence of thought and action; (ii) entailed the collection and analysis of original data while enrolled in the course for which the report or thesis was submitted; and (iii) received institutional ethics approval if it involved human participants.

The Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. They may also vary the number of prizes if multiple winners are identified by splitting the prize.

Where required, the University Medal 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 Associate Dean (Education) of the College of Biology, Medicine and Environment and the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences no later than one month 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) if any eligibility requirements are to be amended, or
- (b) after 5 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 Associate Dean (Education) of the College of Biology, Medicine and Environment and the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences on the recommendation of the Registrar.

7. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

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

Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science (CPAS)
College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences
Peter Baume Building 42A
The Australian National University
Canberra ACTON 2601
AUSTRALIA
Email: cpas@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 Academic Misconduct Rules –

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

ANU Discipline Rules –

<https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01792>