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STEPHEN WURM GRADUATE PRIZE FOR PACIFIC LINGUISTIC STUDIES

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION

Each year the Linguistics Program, School of Culture, History and Language (CHL), College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP) may offer a prize known as the Stephen Wurm Graduate Prize for Pacific Linguistic Studies.

The objective/s of the prize are to acknowledge outstanding field-based research on one or more languages of the Pacific/Asia region, with a preference for work focussed on Oceania in its broadest sense.

The value of the prize/s awarded is \$1200.

The prize will be on offer annually.

Funding for this prize has been provided by The Stephen and Helen Wurm Endowment. Professor Stephen Wurm was the inaugural Professor of Linguistics in what was then the Research School of Pacific and Asia Studies, and his wife Dr Helen Groger-Wurm was a prominent anthropologist of art. Professor Wurm carried out wide-ranging research on the languages of the southwestern Pacific, especially in Papua New Guinea, but also did work on Australian Aboriginal languages. He laid the foundations for much of what we now know about Papuan languages. He also founded the ANU-based monograph series Pacific Linguistics, the world's most extensive series of linguistic monographs. In their wills they expressed the wish that the Stephen and Helen Wurm Endowment be used to further the cause of research on languages of the Pacific.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to an ANU student who was enrolled in a PhD in Linguistics in the School of Culture, History and Language, College of Asia and the Pacific, and whose PhD degree was awarded in the preceding year

3. SELECTION AND CONSTRAINTS

Selection is made on the basis of excellence of contribution to expanding our knowledge of the languages of the Pacific/Asia region. This will be assessed by an Assessment Panel to be appointed annually by the Dean and Director of the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, taking recommendations from the linguistics program. The panel shall number at least two members and shall comprise senior staff in Linguistics and/or cognate disciplines from across the University. The panel will be supplied with the examiners' reports for all nominated theses, and may take these into account, as well as their own evaluations of the thesis. The form of their recommendations can be brief – from one to three paragraphs per nominated candidate. If appropriate they may recommend that the prize be shared between/among more than one candidate. Should the members of the Assessment Panel disagree on the choice of prize winner, a nominated member of the linguistics discipline in CHL will be asked to make a casting vote.

The Linguistics program of CHL, CAP, taking into account the recommendations of the evaluation committee, reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. It may also award the prize to up to two candidates if this is recommended by the evaluation committee, by awarding the full anticipated amount to up to two winners. The head of the linguistics program will send a brief summary of each year's procedure to the Dean outlining the basis for their decision.

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 Dean, CAP no later than fourteen days 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 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 5 years
- (d) if any organisational changes impact on the flow-through of doctoral students in this area of knowledge

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, CAP on the recommendation of the Head of the Linguistics Program, CHL, CAP

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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School of Culture, History and Language
ANU College of Asia & the Pacific
HC Coombs Building, 9 Fellows Rd
The Australian National University
Canberra ACT 2600*

Email: cap.hdr@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>