The Sebastian Black Prize was established in 2000 to honour the outstanding contribution of Sebastian Black to the University of Auckland during his years as a teacher in the English Department from 1966-2000. The Scholarship is financed from a fund set up by the Department with contributions from colleagues, friends and alumni.

**Selection process**

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Prize is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of English

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the Sebastian Black Prize in English.
2. The value of the Prize will be $500.
3. The Prize will be awarded annually to the full-time student achieving the highest aggregate of marks in two stage I English courses.
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of English.
5. The Prize will not be awarded in a particular year if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
6. In the event of a tie, the Head of the Department of English shall determine if the Prize may be shared.
7. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations (in consultation with the Department of English) provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Prize.