**Blaze O’Connor Prize**

**Code:** P945  
**Faculty:** Arts  
**Applicable study:** MA in Anthropology  
**Closing date:** By nomination  
**Tenure:** Prize  
**For:** Prize  
**Number on offer:** One  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** $500

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**Description**

The Blaze O’Connor Prize was established in 2009 by the Department of Anthropology to honour Blaze O’Connor who died of cancer.

Blaze received her BA from the University of Auckland in 1995, with a double major in Anthropology and Art History. She received the Senior Prize from both Departments, and was a recipient of a University of Auckland Masters Scholarship. Blaze was awarded an MA with first class honours in 1997, and went on to receive her PhD from University College Dublin in 2006. Blaze was one of the top MA students to graduate in Anthropology from the University of Auckland.

**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 Anthropology.

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the Blaze O’Connor Prize.  
2. The value of the Prize will be $500.  
3. The Prize will be awarded annually to the graduating student who has achieved the highest marks for the Master of Arts degree in Anthropology.  
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of Anthropology.  
5. In the event of a tie, the Head of the Department of Anthropology shall determine if the Prize may be shared.  
6. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Prize.