The David Wright Prize in English was established in 2009 with a donation from the wife and family of Dr David Wright, an author and lecturer in the Department of English at the University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Prize is to reward the best performance in a research project by a student enrolled in a BA (Hons), Postgraduate Diploma in Arts or an MA in English.

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 David Wright Prize in English.
2. The value of the Prize will be $250.
3. The Prize will be awarded annually to the full-time student who achieved the highest mark in a research project (or dissertation or thesis) undertaken for a BA (Hons), Postgraduate Diploma in Arts or an MA, in English.
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the Head of the Department of English.
5. In the event of a tie, the Head of the Department of English Studies shall determine, in consultation with the Dean of Arts, 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.