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 Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Postgraduate Diploma in Arts or a Master of Arts 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 Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Humanities

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the David Wright Prize in English.
2. The value of the Prize will be $500.
3. The Prize will be awarded annually to the full-time student who achieved the highest mark in a research project, dissertation or thesis undertaken for a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Postgraduate Diploma in Arts or a Master of Arts, in English. As a minimum standard, the student should have achieved an A- grade. In the event of a tie, the Prize will be awarded to the student at the highest level of study.
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the Deputy Head (Academic) (or nominee) in consultation with the Discipline Convenor of English.
5. The Prize will not be awarded in a particular year if there is not candidate of sufficient merit.
6. The Prize may not be shared.
7. 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.