The Financial Markets Authority Honours/Masters Prize was established in 2014 by the Financial Markets Authority (FMA).

The main purpose of the Prize is to recognise and reward the Honours or Masters student who produces the best dissertation or thesis in the areas of Accounting or Finance.

**Selection process**

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office.
- The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the Financial Markets Authority Honours/Masters Prize.
2. The value of the Prize will be $1,000.
3. The Prize will be awarded annually to the Honours or Masters student achieving the highest overall marks in a dissertation or thesis that has been undertaken on one of the FMA’s approved topics of interest. To be eligible for consideration, the dissertation or thesis must have been fully assessed with the final grade approved by 31 January of the year in which the selection decision is made (see Notes I and II).
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Department of Accounting and Finance (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the Department of Accounting and Finance, and one representative of the FMA.
5. In the event of a tie, the Head of the Department of Accounting and Finance shall determine, in consultation with the FMA, if the Prize may be shared.
6. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Prize.
7. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.
Notes

I. A list of approved research topics will be made available to students each Semester via the Department of Accounting and Finance.

II. The Prize will usually be awarded in February of the following year, once final grades have been obtained for all the eligible Honours dissertations and Masters theses submitted over the past year. Dissertations or theses with final results approved after 31 January each year will be considered for the following year's Prize.

III. Recipients of the Prize will be required to provide the FMA with a brief Business Summary of their research.