**Graeme Lewis Prize in Microbiology**

**Description**

Through the generosity of the late Graeme Lewis, and his wife, Professor Gillian Lewis, the Graeme Lewis Prize in Microbiology was awarded for the first time in 2012.

Graeme Lewis, though trained and practising in finance and accounting, developed a deep interest in Microbiology through his wife’s research and teaching. He held a strong belief that excellent research in the discipline was fundamental to developing less disruptive and consumptive approaches to energy and food production, and materials processing. The purpose of the Prize is to encourage students to pursue research in microbiology.

**Selection process**

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Prize is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the Graeme Lewis Prize in Microbiology.
2. The Prize will be of the value of up to $1,250 and is to be used to assist the recipient to undertake postgraduate studies in Microbiology.
3. The Prize will be awarded annually to the student who has achieved the highest combined marks in their best three courses related to microbiology at Stage III or above in an approved programme of study. The three courses can be completed at any time prior to the awarding of the Prize. To be eligible to receive this Prize, the recipient must be undertaking postgraduate study and research with a focus in Microbiology at the University of Auckland (see Note 1).
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising two academic staff from the School of Biological Sciences and the Donor or their representative.
5. In the event of a tie, the Head of the School of Biological Sciences (or nominee) will 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.
Notes

1. A recipient may only be awarded the Prize once.