Innovation Prize in Public Policy

Description

The Prize was established in 2020 and is funded by Suzanne Smith, an alumna of the University of Auckland, who worked for the World Bank and is now a documentary film maker in New York.

The main purpose of the Prize is to reward and recognise students researching multidisciplinary solutions with a strong focus on implementation in public policy.

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 School of Social Sciences

Regulations

1. The Prize will be known as the Innovation Prize in Public Policy.
2. One Prize will be awarded annually and will be of the value of $2,000.
3. The Prize will be awarded to the student enrolled in a Master of Arts (MA), a Master of Public Policy (MPP) or a Master of Conflict and Terrorism Studies (MCTS) in the previous year, who achieved the highest mark for a thesis or dissertation researching multidisciplinary solutions with a strong focus on implementation in public policy. As a minimum standard, the student must have received at least an A- grade.
4. To be eligible for consideration, the thesis or dissertation must have been submitted by the due date specified in 2e of the General Regulations – Masters Degrees.
5. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Deputy Academic Head of the School of Social Sciences (or nominee), the Discipline Convenor of Public Policy (or nominee) and an additional academic staff member from the disciplinary area of Public Policy.
6. In the event of a tie, the Deputy Academic Head of the School of Social Sciences will determine whether the Prize may 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.
8. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.