The Prize was established in 2017 and is funded by the Department of Psychological Medicine. The main purpose of the Prize is to recognise and reward the student with the highest grades in the first year of the Master of Health Psychology programme each year.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Prize are awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of Psychological Medicine.

Regulations

1. The Prize will be known as the Master of Health Psychology First Year Student Prize.
2. The annual value of the Prize will be $500.
3. The Prize will be awarded annually to the full-time Master of Health Psychology student who achieves the overall highest grade point average across the coursework component of the degree. A student must average a minimum of 7.00 or higher to be considered for a Prize (see Note I).
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Director of the Health Psychology Programme.
5. In the event of a tie, the Director of the Health Psychology Programme will determine, in consultation with other members of the Health Psychology Postgraduate Committee, if the Prize may be shared. Each awardee will be awarded an amount equal to the original prize value.
6. The University of Auckland Council will not be bound to make an award in a particular year if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
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. Note [I] below is deemed to be a regulation.
Notes

I. An average grade of at least B in the first 120 points from the coursework component of the degree is required to progress to the thesis year of a Master of Health Psychology degree.