Matthew S. Abel Prize for Best Business School Doctoral Thesis

**Description**

The Prize was established in 2021 and is funded by the MSA Charitable Trust.

The main purpose of the Prize is to recognise outstanding achievement in doctoral research in the Business School.

**Selection process**

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Prize is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Dean of the University of Auckland Business School

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the Matthew S. Abel Prize for Best Business School Doctoral Thesis.
2. One Prize will be awarded annually and will be of the value of $5,000.
3. The Prize will be awarded to the student who, in the opinion of the sub-committee formed by the Dean of the University of Auckland Business School to judge the nominations, completed the best doctoral thesis in the previous year (see Note I).
4. To be eligible for consideration for a Prize a thesis must, have: i) satisfied all requirements for the award of a doctoral degree between 1 January and 31 December of the year preceding the year of the award of the Prize, ii) been submitted for examination within 48 months of equivalent full-time enrolment in the doctorate (subject to Note II); and iii) been nominated by the Faculty for the Vice-Chancellor’s Prize for Best Doctoral Thesis.
5. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Dean of the University of Auckland Business School (or nominee).
6. In the event that the Faculty nominates more than one thesis for the Vice-Chancellor’s Prize for Best Doctoral Thesis, the Dean of the University of Auckland Business School will determine whether the Prize may be shared.
7. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets
the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
8. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no
devention from the main purpose of the Prize.
9. Notes [I]-[II] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. *Completed*" means that all requirements for the award of the doctoral degree have been satisfied.
II. An exception to the eligibility requirement at Regulation 4(ii) may be made where a student had an extension of no
longer than six months as a result of disruptions arising from COVID-19.
III. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.