Pacific Lawyers’ Association Prize for Legal Writing

**Description**

The Prize was established in 2018 in is funded by the Pacific Lawyers’ Association.

The main purpose of the Prize is to recognise and reward the best piece of writing on an issue relating to Pacific people by a student of Pacific heritage in either LAWGENRL 453 or LAWGENRL 428.

**Selection process**

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Prize is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty of Law

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the Pacific Lawyers’ Association Prize for Legal Writing.
2. The value of the Prize will be $500.
3. The Prize will be awarded each year to the student of Pacific heritage who is judged to have written the best essay on an issue relating to Pacific people in LAWGENRL 453 Pacific People in Aotearoa or LAWGENRL 428 South Pacific Legal Studies (see Note II).
4. The winning essay will be selected by a panel comprised of at least one representative of the Pacific Lawyers’ Association and one representative of the Faculty of Law from a short-list of the three essays by students of Pacific heritage that achieved the highest mark in LAWGENRL 453 or LAWGENRL 428.
5. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty of Law, in consultation with the donors.
6. The Prize may not 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. Notes [I]-[II] below are deemed to be regulations.

**Notes**
I. Pacific heritage is defined as indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawai'i, French Polynesia and Rapanui (Easter Island).

II. The Pacific Lawyers’ Association may discretionarily assist in publication of the winning essay.