The Rae Hammer Prize in New Zealand History was established in 2016. Margaret and Paul Hammer have endowed two prizes in memory of their mother, Rae Hammer, who majored in Latin and History during her BA degree. Rae had a long and successful career in secondary education, teaching Latin, History and English during her 31 years as the Papakura High School Deputy Principal. She remained closely associated with the University of Auckland due to her tireless voluntary work on committees and trusts.

The main purpose of the Prize is to encourage and reward student achievement in, and commitment to, the study of New Zealand History at Honours level.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Prize is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Humanities

Regulations

1. The Prize will be known as the Rae Hammer Memorial Prize in New Zealand History.
2. The value of the Prize will be $600.
3. The Prize will be awarded annually to the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) student, majoring in History who achieves the highest GPA in courses or research related to New Zealand history, and who has demonstrated the highest level of commitment to the study of New Zealand history. The student must have met the requirements to be eligible to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) majoring in History to be considered for the Prize (see Notes I to II).
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Humanities (or nominee) in consultation with the Discipline Convenor of History.
5. The Prize may not be shared.
6. The Prize will not be awarded in any 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
8. Notes [I]-[II] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Commitment to the study of New Zealand history will be determined by factors such as the number of courses taken in the subject and the level of contribution to and engagement in classwork.

II. Courses related to the study of New Zealand history are HISTORY 700, 705, 712, 721, 725 and 780.