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 began 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 Head of the Department of History.

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 $500.
3. The Prize will be awarded annually to the most meritorious student who achieves the highest mark, and completes the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) History, in a programme of study that involves significant work in New Zealand History.
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of History.
5. In the event of a tie, the Head of History will determine if the Prize may 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 departure from the main purpose of the Prize.