The Robert Chapman Postgraduate Prize was established in 2007 by the Chapman family and trustees of the Robert and Noeline Chapman Estate.

The main purpose of the Prize is to reward students undertaking a Masters or PhD in Political Studies.

**Selection process**

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Prize is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the Robert Chapman Postgraduate Prize.
2. The value of the Prize will be $800.
3. The Prize will be awarded for the best piece of Masters or PhD research in the field of New Zealand politics.
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Head of the Department of Political Studies (or nominee) and one additional member of the academic staff of the Department of Political Studies (appointed by the Dean).
5. The Prize will not be awarded in a particular year if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
6. In the event of a tie, the Head of the Department of Political Studies shall determine, in consultation with the Donor if the Prize may be shared.
7. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these regulations (in consultation with the Donor) provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Prize.