Rotary Club of Auckland Prize for the Most Distinguished Medical Graduate of the Year

**Description**

The Prize was established in 1969 by the Rotary Club of Auckland for “the Most Distinguished Medical Graduate of the Year”. It was initiated by Dr Lloyd Richwhite, the then President of the Rotary Club of Auckland with the help of Professor Cecil Lewis, who was then Dean of the newly established Medical School at the University of Auckland. It was established to enhance the long association between Rotary and the medical profession.

**Selection process**

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on behalf of the Rotary Club of Auckland and on the recommendation of the Head of the Medical Programme

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the Rotary Club of Auckland Prize for the Most Distinguished Medical Graduate of the Year.
2. The value of the Prize will be $6,500 and the Prize will be presented to the recipient at a Rotary luncheon.
3. The Prize will be awarded annually to the MBChB Part VI student with the most distinguished academic performance across Phases 2 and 3 (Years 4, 5 and 6) of the Medical Programme, taking into account personal qualities and all-round abilities (see Note I).
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on behalf of the Rotary Club of Auckland and on the recommendation of the Head of the Medical Programme.
5. The University of Auckland Council will not be bound to award the Prize in any year if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
6. In the event of a tie, the Head of the Medical Programme will determine if the Prize may 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. Note [I] below is deemed to be a regulation.

Notes

1. Selection will take into consideration the student’s contribution to the student body, including student leadership; any significant achievements outside of the Medical Programme; research contributions; and any wider community participation.