The Prize was established in 1945 by subscription from members of the University of Auckland Council, the staff and students of the University, and from the public, to commemorate the work of the late Professor T L Lancaster in the Botany Department from 1913 to 1945. In 2006 a bequest, from Professor Lancaster’s daughter, M. E. Orman, was added to the prize’s endowment.

The aim of the Prize is to stimulate interest in and work on the unique flora and vegetation of this country, the branch of botany in which Professor Lancaster was particularly interested.

**Selection process**

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Director of the School of Biological Sciences

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the T L Lancaster & M E Orman Memorial Prize in Plant Sciences.
2. The value of the Prize will be $1,000.
3. The Prize will be awarded annually to a final year undergraduate student with the best academic record in Plant Sciences (either in that year, or cumulatively, at the discretion of the Director of the School of Biological Sciences), who has worked on aspects of the indigenous flora and vegetation of New Zealand.
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Director of the School of Biological Sciences.
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. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary the above regulations provided that there is no
departure from the main purpose of the Prize.