Te Ākonga Matua (Head of School) Distinguished MAPAS Student Prize

**Description**

The Prize was established in 2019 and is funded by the School of Nursing. The main purpose of the Prize is to acknowledge and reward the two MAPAS students enrolled in the final year of a Bachelor of Nursing who have demonstrated the most distinguished performance throughout the programme.

**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 Te Ākonga Matua (Head of School) Distinguished MAPAS Student Prize.
2. Up to two Prizes will be awarded annually, each of the value of $500.
3. Normally one Prize will be awarded to a student of Māori ancestry, and one Prize will be awarded to a student of Pacific ancestry, who gained entry to the Bachelor of Nursing programme through the Māori and Pacific Admission Scheme (MAPAS)(see Note I).
4. The Prize will be awarded to the final year Bachelor of Nursing MAPAS students who demonstrated exceptional all-round qualities including leadership, contribution to peer support or broader community activities, in addition to a distinguished academic and clinical performance.
5. Nominations will be sought from academic staff from the Bachelor of Nursing programme and the MAPAS Student Support Advisor.
6. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprised of the Tumauki, the Director of Vision 20:20 (or nominee) and the Head of the School of Nursing (or nominee).
7. The Prize may not be shared.
8. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these regulations, in consultation with the School of Nursing, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Prize.

9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit (see Note I).

10. Note [I] below is deemed to be a Regulation.

**Notes**

I. If in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit of either Māori or Pacific ancestry, the Selection Committee may award the Prize to two candidates of Māori ancestry or two candidates of Pacific ancestry.