The Tom and Julie Stephanian Prize

**Code:** P158  
**Faculty:** Creative Arts and Industries  
**Applicable study:** Architecture and Law  
**Closing date:** By nomination  
**Tenure:** Prize  
**For:** Prize  
**Number on offer:** One  
**Offer rate:** Annually – Architecture in even years, Law in odd years  
**Value:** $500

**Description**

This Prize was established in 2018 and is funded by Diane Brand and Gregory J Thwaite, graduates of the University of Auckland, in order to commemorate the hospitality and generosity of the Stephanian family of Massachusetts, USA during their studies at Harvard University in the 1980s.

The main purpose of the Prize is to recognise and reward excellence in academic achievement.

**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 Architecture and Planning or the Dean of the Faculty of Law

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the Tom and Julie Stephanian Prize.  
2. The annual value of the Prize will be $500.  
3. The Prize will be awarded in alternate years by the School of Architecture and Planning (even years) and the Faculty of Law (odd years).  
4. In an even year, the Prize will be awarded to the full-time student enrolled in a Master of Architecture (Professional) (MArch(Prof)) degree who achieved the highest mark in ARCHDES 796 - Thesis. As a minimum standard, the student must receive an A- grade. In the event of a tie, the Prize will be awarded to the student who has made, in the assessment of the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning, the most worthwhile contribution to student affairs in the year of the award (see Note I).  
5. In an odd year, the Prize will be awarded to the student enrolled in the Faculty of Law who achieved the highest mark in LAWENVIR 420 – Global Environmental Law. If LAWENVIR 420 is not taught in the relevant year, the Dean may consult with the donors and nominate another course in International Law for that year’s award. As a minimum standard, the student must receive an A- grade. In the event of a tie, the Prize will be awarded to the student who has
made, in the assessment of the Dean of the Faculty of Law, the most worthwhile contribution to student affairs in the year of the award (see Note I).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning, or the Dean of the Faculty of Law, in consultation with the donors.

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. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are not candidates of sufficient merit.

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

Notes

1. Contribution to student affairs will be demonstrated by leadership in extra-curricular student events and activities not limited to conferences and exhibitions; contributions in professional bodies or networks; and/or serving as a representative of the student cohort in meetings.