Tonkin and Taylor Prize in Geomechanics

**Code:** P789  
**Faculty:** Engineering  
**Applicable study:** Part IV BE(Hons) in Civil Engineering  
**Closing date:** By nomination  
**Tenure:** Prize  
**For:** Prize  
**Number on offer:** 1  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** $1,500

**Description**

The Prize was established in 1994 by Tonkin and Taylor, Environmental and Engineering Consultants, to encourage excellence in the study of geomechanics and related subjects.

**Selection process**

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office  
- The Prize will be awarded annually by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the Tonkin and Taylor Prize in Geomechanics.  
2. The value of the Prize will be $1,500.  
3. The Prize will be awarded to the student enrolled in Part IV of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) specialising in Civil Engineering who has achieved the highest GPA across courses CIVIL 221 Geomechanics I, CIVIL 322 Geomechanics II, CIVIL 324 Geomechanics III, CIVIL 721 Foundation Engineering and CIVIL 722 Slope Engineering.  
4. The Prize will be awarded annually by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, acting in consultation with representatives of Tonkin and Taylor.  
5. Selection of the recipient will be made early in the second half of the lecture year, followed by presentation of the Prize at an appropriate occasion arranged by the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. A representative of Tonkin and Taylor will be invited to present the Prize.  
6. The University of Auckland Council will not be bound to award the Prize in any year if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.  
7. In the event of a tie, the Head of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering shall determine, in consultation with representatives of Tonkin and Taylor if the Prize may be shared.  
8. 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.