Vivienne Cassie Cooper Prize

**Description**

The Vivienne Cassie Cooper Prize was established in 2008 by the generosity of Dr Vivienne Cassie Cooper. Dr Cooper’s distinguished research career spanned seven decades and focussed on understanding microscopic algae in thermal, freshwater and marine ecosystems. Her purpose in establishing this prize was to encourage the study of algae in New Zealand, their life history, ecology, physiology, anatomy and genetics.

**Selection process**

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the Head of the Leigh Marine Research Laboratory

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the Vivienne Cassie Cooper Prize.
2. The value of the Prize will be $1,000 and it is to be used for the purchase of appropriate learning or research materials as agreed by the student and his or her supervisor.
3. The Prize will be awarded annually to a postgraduate student who has demonstrated a high level of academic excellence in their previous studies, achieving a GPA of 6.0 or higher, and who is undertaking research involving marine or freshwater algae.
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the Head of the Leigh Marine Research Laboratory.
5. In the event of a tie, the Head of the Leigh Marine Research Laboratory will determine if the Prize may be shared.
6. 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.