

AWARDS AND PRIZES POLICY



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1. Aims and Rationale

- 1.1 The University establishes University Awards and University Prizes for the purpose of recognising scholarly excellence or distinguished service.
- 1.2 This Policy establishes the criteria for eligibility, assessment and award of a University Award or University Prize or for recognition of a University Prize awarded by a College of the University.

2. University Prizes

- 2.1 A University Prize is a prize that satisfies the following criteria:
 - a) the prize is established by the Council or Academic Board, or is awarded under the terms of an instrument approved by the Council, or is awarded by a College of the University
 - b) the prize is awarded to a person enrolled as a student of the University
 - c) the terms and conditions under which the prize is awarded are related to the University's Graduate Attributes
 - d) the prize is approved by the Academic Board for inclusion on Schedule A: University Prizes to this Policy.
- 2.2 Schedule A: University Prizes must record:
 - a) the name of the prize
 - b) the body which awards the prize
 - c) the words which are to appear on the academic transcript of a student to whom the prize is awarded
 - d) whether or not the prize is to be acknowledged at a Graduation Ceremony
 - e) if the prize is no longer current, the dates during which it was awarded.
- 2.3 Any member of the Academic Board may nominate a prize to the Academic Board for approval for inclusion on Schedule A: University Prizes. The nomination must:
 - a) be made in writing to the University Secretary
 - b) demonstrate how the prize meets the criteria for a University Prize
 - c) provide the information required for recording the prize on Schedule A.

- 2.4 Inclusion of a prize awarded by a College on Schedule A: University Prizes does not prevent the College awarding the prize to a person who is not a student of the University, however in such cases the award is not recognised by the University.
- 2.5 The Dean of Academic Programs must audit Schedule A: University Prizes annually to ensure that information about awards of University Prizes is recorded on academic transcripts of students to whom such prizes have been awarded, and that each prize listed on Schedule A: University Prizes continues to meet the criteria of a University Prize.

3. University Awards

- 3.1 A University Award is an Award established by the Council for the purpose of recognising scholarly excellence or distinguished service.
- 3.2 University Awards are awarded according to the terms and conditions established by the Council under this Policy.
- 3.3 University Awards established by the Council are:
- a) The Distinguished Service Medal
 - b) The University Medal.
- 3.4 The name of each recipient of University Award made under this Policy together with the year of award is recorded in Schedule B: University Awards of this Policy.

4. The Distinguished Service Medal

- 4.1 The Distinguished Service Medal may be awarded by the Council of the University to a person who has rendered distinguished service to the University.
- 4.2 The nomination and assessment process is confidential. The nominee should not be aware of the nomination or the assessment process unless and until the award is made.
- 4.3 Any member of the University may nominate a person for the Distinguished Service Medal by writing to the Vice-Chancellor. The nomination must include:
- a) a curriculum vitae
 - b) a statement of no more than two pages on how the nominee meets the criteria for the award.
- 4.4 The Vice-Chancellor must refer the nomination to the Governance Committee for assessment. If a member of the Governance Committee is nominated for an award, that person must be excluded from participation in the assessment of the nomination.
- 4.5 The nomination is to be assessed by the Governance Committee having regard to the criteria for the award. The Committee may seek further information from any person at its discretion.
- 4.6 If the Governance Committee determines that it cannot recommend the award be made to the nominee, it must notify the Council that it has determined not to recommend the award but is not required to disclose the identity of the nominee, and the Vice-Chancellor must notify the nominator in writing that the nomination was unsuccessful.

- 4.7 If the Governance Committee recommends that the award be made to the nominee, it must prepare a citation and refer the recommendation and citation to the Council.
- 4.8 If the Council agrees to award the Distinguished Service Medal, the Vice-Chancellor must notify the recipient and nominator in writing.
- 4.9 If the Council determines not to award the Distinguished Service Medal, the Vice-Chancellor must notify the nominator in writing that the nomination was unsuccessful.
- 4.10 The Council's decision on a nomination for the Distinguished Service Medal is final.
- 4.11 A recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal is presented with the Medal and a Citation at a Graduation Ceremony or at another suitable occasion arranged by the Vice-Chancellor.

5. The University Medal

- 5.1 The University Medal may be awarded by the Academic Board of the University to a candidate of the University who has completed a doctoral thesis of exceptional quality.
- 5.2 The nomination and assessment process is confidential. The nominee should not be aware of the nomination or the assessment process unless and until the award is made.
- 5.3 Nominees for the University Medal must be considered by the School of Graduate Research Committee on an annual basis at its meeting prior to the first Academic Board meeting each calendar year. A recommendation must be forwarded through the Dean of the School of Graduate Research to the Chair of the Academic Board.
- 5.4 Candidates must be shortlisted by the Dean of the School of Graduate Research if they have met the following criteria:
 - a) Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Theology conferred since the previous awarding of Medals.
 - b) Two examiner reports which indicate exceptional quality and contribution to knowledge.
- 5.5 The School of Graduate Research Committee must assess eligibility for the University Medal based on:
 - a) The international standing of the research work.
 - b) Examiners' reports and the Chair of Examiners' statements.
 - c) Refereed publications or other research outputs from the doctoral work, for example exhibitions, performances and other creative works.
 - d) Timeliness of completion.
 - e) Awards or other recognition of the research quality.
 - f) Supporting statement addressing the criteria and other quality measures from the Supervisor(s).

- 5.6 The Dean of the School of Graduate Research or Chair of Examiners must forward any nomination in writing to the Chair of the Academic Board. The nomination must include:
- a) The name of the nominee and the doctoral qualification completed
 - b) References from two eminent persons, such as examiners' reports on the nominee's doctoral thesis
 - c) A citation suitable for publication of no more than 400 words demonstrating how the nominee meets the criteria for the award
- 5.7 The Chair of the Academic Board must refer the nomination to the Academic Board for assessment. If a member of the Academic Board is nominated for the University Medal, that person must be excluded from participation in the assessment of the nomination.
- 5.8 The nomination is to be assessed by the Academic Board having regard to the criteria for the award. The Academic Board may seek further information from any person at its discretion.
- 5.9 If the Academic Board agrees to award the University Medal to the nominee, it must approve a citation suitable for publication and the Vice-Chancellor must notify the recipient and nominator in writing.
- 5.10 The Academic Board's decision on a nomination for the University Medal is final.
- 5.11 A recipient of the University Medal is presented with the Medal and a Citation at a Graduation Ceremony or at another suitable occasion arranged by the Vice-Chancellor.
- 6. Date of Next Review**
- 6.1 This Policy must be reviewed no later than 31 December 2023.

SCHEDULE A: UNIVERSITY PRIZES



1. **Leatherland Prize**

The Leatherland Prize is awarded by the Grants Committee for excellence in liturgical scholarship. The award is recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Leatherland Prize for Liturgical Scholarship <year>.'

2. **Vice-Chancellor's Scholar**

A graduand may be designated as a Vice-Chancellor's Scholar by the Vice-Chancellor on the nomination of the graduand's College. The award is recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Vice-Chancellor's Scholar <year>.'

3. **Master's Prize**

The Master's Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Catholic Theological College Master's Prize <year>.'

4. **The Archbishop's Prize**

The Archbishop's Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Systematic Theology. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Archbishop's Prize in Systematic Theology <year>.'

5. **The Archbishop Coleridge Prize**

The Archbishop Coleridge Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Biblical Studies. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Archbishop Coleridge Prize in Biblical Studies <year>.'

6. **The Baronius Prize**

The Baronius Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Church History. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Baronius Prize in Church History <year>.'

7. **The Guilford Young Prize**

The Guilford Young Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Liturgy. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Guilford Young Prize in Liturgy <year>.'

8. **The Thomas Shortall Prize**

The Thomas Shortall Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Moral Theology. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is

recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Thomas Shortall Prize in Moral Theology <year>.'

9. The John Maher Prize

The John Maher Prize was awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Philosophy in 2013 and 2014. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The John Maher Prize in Philosophy <year>.'

10. The Francis de Sales Essay Prize

The Francis de Sales Essay Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Pastoral Studies. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Francis de Sales Prize in Pastoral Studies <year>.'

11. Bromby Prize for Biblical Languages

The Bromby Prize for Biblical Languages is awarded by Trinity College Theological School. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Bromby Prize for <Biblical Greek or Biblical Hebrew> <year>.'

12. Leeper Scripture Prize

The Leeper Scripture Prize is awarded by Trinity College Theological School. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Leeper Scripture Prize <year>.'

13. Stanton Archer Prize

The Stanton Archer Prize is awarded by Trinity College Theological School (and formerly by the United Faculty of Theology) in the area of either Biblical Studies or Church History. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Stanton Archer Prize in <Church History or Biblical Studies> <year>.'

14. David Farr Bequest

The David Farr Bequest is awarded by Whitley College in the area of Worship. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'David Farr Bequest <year>.'

15. H J Jenkin Prize

The H J Jenkin Prize is awarded by Whitley College in the area of theological studies. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'H J Jenkin Prize <year>.'

16. Mervyn Himbury Scholarship

The Mervyn Himbury Scholarship is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Mervyn Himbury Scholarship <year>.'

17. Ruth Sampson Scholarship

The Ruth Sampson Scholarship is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Ruth Sampson Scholarship <year>.'

18. Basil Brown Prize for Biblical Studies

The Basil Brown Prize for Biblical Studies is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Basil Brown Prize for Biblical Studies <year>.'

19. Florence Sims Prize for Biblical Languages

The Florence Sims Prize for Biblical Languages is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Florence Sims Prize for Biblical Languages <year>.'

20. Dean's Prize in Christian Thought and History

The Dean's Prize in Christian Thought and History is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Whitley College Dean's Prize in Christian Thought and History <year>.'

21. Ross Langmead Prize in Mission Studies

The Ross Langmead Prize in Mission Studies is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Ross Langmead Prize in Mission Studies <year>.'

22. Dean's Prize in Pastoral Studies

The Dean's Prize in Pastoral Studies is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Whitley College Dean's Prize in Pastoral Studies <year>.'

23. Dean's Prize in Spirituality

The Dean's Prize in Spirituality is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Whitley College Dean's Prize in Spirituality <year>.'

24. Valentine Leeper Prize

The Valentine Leeper Prize is awarded by Trinity College Theological School for an essay on the Book of Common Prayer. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Valentine Leeper Prize <year>.'

25. Australian Postgraduate Award

The Australian Postgraduate Award was awarded by the University on a competitive basis to a student undertaking a higher degree by research candidate. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Australian Postgraduate Award <year>'.

26. International Postgraduate Research Scholarship

The International Postgraduate Research Scholarship was awarded by the University on a competitive basis to an international student undertaking a higher degree by research. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'International Postgraduate Research Scholarship <year>'.

27. The Rod Doyle Prize

The Rod Doyle Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College for an outstanding undergraduate essay in Biblical Studies. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Rod Doyle Prize in Biblical Studies <year>'.

28. The Austin Cooper Prize

The Austin Cooper Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Christian Spirituality. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Austin Cooper Prize in Christian Spirituality <year>'.

29. NEXT Prize for Faith Formation

The NEXT Prize for Faith Formation is awarded by Whitley College to an outstanding student in the Diploma in Theology. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The NEXT Prize for Faith Formation <year>'.

30. Churches of Christ Engagement Prize

The Churches of Christ Community Engagement Prize is awarded by Stirling Theological College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Churches of Christ Community Engagement Prize <year>'.

31. Catherine Laufer Prize

The Catherine Laufer Prize for excellence in Systematic Theology is awarded by Trinity College Theological School. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Catherine Laufer prize in Systematic Theology <year>'.

32.A The Roma Mitchell Prize

The Roma Mitchell Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College for an outstanding Research Essay. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Roma Mitchell Prize for a Research Essay <year>'.

32.B The Roma Mitchell Prize

The Roma Mitchell Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College for an outstanding Minor Thesis. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Roma Mitchell Prize for a Minor Thesis <year>.'

33. The Erasmus Prize

The Erasmus Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Biblical or Ecclesiastical Languages. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Erasmus Prize in Biblical or Ecclesiastical Languages <year>'.

34. The Salesian Prize

The Salesian Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of English as a Second Language. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Salesian Prize for a student using English as a Second Language <year>'.

35. The Jillian Stewart TransFormation Prize

The Jillian Stewart TransFormation Prize is awarded by Whitley College to an outstanding student in the area of ministry. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Jillian Stewart TransFormation Prize <year>'.

36. The Young Pastoral Leadership Prize

The Young Pastoral Leadership Prize is awarded by Whitley College to a young leader in pastoral ministry who demonstrates balance and excellence in meeting the challenges of ministry, study, and leadership in the home and community. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on a transcript as 'Young Pastoral Leadership Prize <year>'.

37. The Research Stipend Scholarship

The Research Stipend Scholarship is awarded by the University on a competitive basis to a student undertaking a higher degree by research. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Research Stipend Scholarship <year(s)>'.

38. The Research Fee Scholarship

The Research Fee Scholarship is awarded by the University on a competitive basis to a student undertaking a higher degree by research. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Research Fee Scholarship <year(s)>'.

39. The Gerald O'Collins Prize

The Gerald O'Collins Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College for an outstanding undergraduate essay in Systematic Theology. The award is not recorded in the

Graduation Program. The award is recorded in an academic transcript as “The Gerald O’Collins Prize for outstanding undergraduate essay in Systematic Theology <year>.

40. The Leslie Tomlinson Prize

The Leslie Tomlinson Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Moral Theology. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Leslie Tomlinson Prize in Moral Theology <year>.'

SCHEDULE B: UNIVERSITY AWARD RECIPIENTS

<i>Award</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Year</i>
Distinguished Service Medal	The Revd Dr Alan Niven	2016
Distinguished Service Medal	Mrs Tricia Lewis	2018
Distinguished Service Medal	Major Gregory Morgan	2018