THE CHARLES RISCHBIETH JURY POETRY PRIZE

Establishment

This Prize was established by a donation to the University of Adelaide by Dr Barbara Wall, who was a student and friend of Charles Rischbieth Jury (1893 - 1958), as well as being his literary executor. Charles Rischbieth Jury was a poet, dramatist, scholar, soldier, and Jury Professor of English at the University of Adelaide.

This is an endowed prize with the capital held in the University’s Endowment Fund1 and the income distribution each year used to fund the prize.

Value

The value of the Prize is $1,250.00 per year or such other amount as the University shall from time to time determine provided that the value of the prize does not exceed the annual distribution of interest available from the Endowment Fund.

Eligibility

The prize is awarded by the University annually on 31 July (with applications closing 1 June) and is open to anyone residing within Australia who submits a poem in English of not greater than 5 A4 typed or hand-written pages in length (double spaced).

Selection of Candidate

The Prize will be awarded to the applicant who submits the best poem as judged by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall include:-

- the Jury Chair of English Language and Literature (Chair);
- an academic staff member from the department of English who teaches poetry (as nominated by the Chair); and
- a suitably qualified community poet resident in Australia invited to serve for a one year term without remuneration (as nominated by the Chair).

If there is no candidate of sufficient merit in any given year then the prize will not be awarded in that year and the available distribution of interest may be used in subsequent years.

If there is more than one candidate of equal merit, then the prize may be shared equally.

Variations

The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University’s legal obligations and policies.

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1 For further information on the University’s Endowment Fund and the distribution of interest available please see the Endowment Fund Investment Report