The David Murray Prize in Arts

Establishment

This Prize has been established by the University as a result of a contribution by David Murray, late of London, England and Adelaide, Merchant and a former member of the Council of the University, who died in London on 6 January 1907. David Murray bequeathed a pecuniary legacy of 2,000 pounds to the University of Adelaide to be applied towards the Scholarship Fund of the University. The sum of $4,500.00 may be awarded in each year by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, by the Adelaide Law School, by the Faculty of Sciences, by the Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences and by the School of Medicine. The rules below refer only to the David Murray Prize in Arts. The purpose of the prize shall be to encourage advanced work and original investigation.

Value

The value of the David Murray Prize in Arts will be $900.00 per year, or such other amount as the University shall from time to time determine.

Eligibility

The prize will be awarded by the University annually to the highest performing student in the BA (Advanced) degree who has satisfied all the academic requirements for the program in the Faculty of Arts, and who has enrolled for the Honours degree or the Master of Philosophy degree in the year following the completion of the degree.

Selection of Candidate

In March each year, the Faculty office, who will have administrative oversight of the prize, will provide academic transcripts for students enrolled in the previous year’s program to the co-ordinator of BA (Advanced) degree, and ask them to nominate a student for the award based on the student’s overall results in the program and their subsequent enrolment in honours or postgraduate study in the year following the completion of their BA (Advanced) degree. This is in line with the original intent of the prize to encourage advanced work and original investigation. The nomination will go to the Associate Dean (L&T) for endorsement.

The submission should include:

a) A brief statement of support describing the student’s achievements in advanced work and original investigation, including any prizes awarded and statements of support from the student’s mentor/supervisor.

b) A copy of the student’s academic transcript.

If there is no candidate of sufficient merit in a given year then the prize will not be awarded in that year and the money will be used in subsequent years.

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

Variations

The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the original objectives of the prize.

Rules approved by Executive Dean, Faculty of Arts, 20 August 2014