

THE JM COETZEE FUND

Background

The J M Coetzee Fund was established by a generous contribution to the University by Professor JM Coetzee, who has been associated with the University of Adelaide and the Discipline of English and Creative Writing since 2002. Previously a Distinguished Professor of Literature at the University of Cape Town and the recipient of many international awards for his writing, JM Coetzee has twice won the Booker Prize for his novels, *The Life and Times of Michael K* and *Disgrace*, and he was the recipient of the 2003 Nobel Prize for Literature.

Rules

1. The fund shall be known as “The J M Coetzee Fund”.
2. The object of the fund shall be to support dedicated creative arts projects at the J M Coetzee Centre for Creative Practice (“JMCCCP”) at the University of Adelaide, to build the profile of the Centre and to provide opportunities for creative artists, writers and thinkers at the JMCCCP.
3. The annual income distribution available from the Endowment Fund shall be used to:-
 - a. Award the annual prize called “The J M Coetzee Prize” which rules are set out below; and
 - b. After the awarding of the prize, the balance of the annual income distribution from the Endowment Fund shall be expended to support visiting fellows and artist residencies at the JMCCCP and/or an annual lecture or literary luncheon.
4. Unless the Director of the JMCCCP under the advice of the Management Committee of the JMCCCP decides otherwise, unexpended income in any year may be added to the capital sum or expended in the next or some following year, at the discretion of the Director of the JMCCCP under the advice of the Management Committee of the JMCCCP.
5. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University’s legal obligations and [policies](#).

The J M Coetzee Prize - Rules

Value

The value of the Prize will be \$700.00 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 and students completing Honours in the Discipline of English and Creative Writing are eligible to be considered for the award.

Selection of Candidate

The Discipline of English and Creative Writing Committee will award the prize to the student who has written the most outstanding extended piece of writing in the Discipline of English and Creative Writing at the level of Honours and who intends to continue on to postgraduate studies in this Discipline.

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.

The J M Coetzee Prize Rules approved May 2012

The J M Coetzee Fund Rules approved by Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Academic) 20 November 2015