
The John Lewis Prize for Geography Rules

Background

This Prize has been established by a donation to the University by the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia, who established the prize in 1947 in memory of the late the Hon. John Lewis M.L.C. J.P. (1842 – 1923) who was a former President of the Society.

Title

The Prize shall be known as the “John Lewis Prize for Geography.”

Value

The value of the Prize will be \$500. This will be paid directly to the winner/s by the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia (RGSSA) at the annual awards function held by the Department of Geography, Environment and Population. The winner/s will also be invited by the RGSSA to attend their Annual Awards Ceremony typically held in Government House, and hosted by the Governor.

The prize will be conferred annually by the university on behalf of the RGSSA for a minimum of 5 years commencing in 2021 until otherwise determined by the University after discussions with the donor.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this prize

- 1) The candidate/s must have completed at least 6 units (2 courses of 3 units each) of first year Geography courses offered by the Faculty of Arts in the year for which the prize is awarded.
- 2) The candidate/s must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree at The University of Adelaide.

Selection of Candidate

A selection committee comprising the Head of the Geography, Environment and Population Department or their nominee plus one other Geography staff member will award the Prize to the student who receives the highest average mark in 6 units of first year Geography courses. If a candidate has completed more than 6 units of first year Geography courses in the year for which the prize is being awarded, then only 2 courses of 3 units each with the highest marks will be taken into consideration.

If there is more than one candidate of equal merit, then the Prize may be shared equally. No one student shall receive the prize more than once.

If, in any particular year, the selection committee consider that no candidate is suitable for the prize, then no award shall be made.

Variations

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

Approved by Head of School of Social Sciences 8 September 2020