
The Thornber Prize Prize Rules

Establishment

This Prize was established by a contribution to the University by the old scholars of the Unley Park School in 1925, being £450, which they collected from amongst their members in memory of Catherine Maria Thornber, who was for many years Principal of that school.

The capital for the prize is held in perpetuity resulting in the minimum annual prize distribution paid from the Endowment Fund.

Value

The value of the prize is \$1000.00 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 Fund¹.

Eligibility

The prize will be awarded annually by the University to female students enrolled in the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree program and associated double/combined degrees.

The candidate must be enrolled full-time in her designated commonwealth-supported place on census date of the first semester of her first year of study.

Selection of Candidate

The Executive Dean (or nominee) will award the prize to the female candidate enrolled full-time in the first semester of study of the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) program who has attained the highest Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) excluding any applicable bonus points.

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. In this instance, provision may be made for multiple prizes in subsequent years.

If there is more than one candidate of equal merit, the prize will be awarded to the candidate with the highest ranking term Grade Point Average (GPA) for courses undertaken in the first semester of study. If a clear winner is unable to be determined, then the prize shall be shared equally.

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 Deputy Vice Chancellor & Vice President (Academic) 17 May 2021

¹ For further information on the University's Endowment Fund and the distribution of interest available please see the [Endowment Fund Investment Report](#)