
The R.B. Potts Prize PRIZE RULES

Establishment

This prize was established in 1990 by a contribution to the University from former students, friends and colleagues of Professor R.B. Potts who served the University in the years 1948 to 1990 to establish a prize in Applied Mathematics in recognition of Prof Potts' contribution to the discipline.

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 will be \$2,000.00 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 a student who meets the following criteria.

- a) The student must have completed 9 units of Level III Applied Mathematics courses.
- b) The student must have completed at least one of the above courses in the year for which the prize is awarded.
- c) The student must be enrolled in the Honours degree of Mathematical and Computer Sciences, the Honours degree of Mathematical Sciences or the Master of Philosophy degree as of the March 31st census date of the following year, and be writing a research project in Applied Mathematics.

Selection of Candidate

The Head of the School of Mathematical Sciences will award the prize to the student who achieves the highest average mark in the 9 units of Level III Applied Mathematics courses specified above.

If in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit, then the prize shall not be awarded in that year and the funds that would have been used to award the prize will be added to the capital sum.

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

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) 21 August 2017

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