

President's Prizes for Conferring Policy

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PRINCIPLES

1. President's Prizes will be awarded annually and presented to prize-winners during conferring.
2. They may only be awarded to students of the Institute who are studying for an accredited major taught award. Exit awards are not included.
3. Unless stated otherwise, each prize will be a medal.

PRESIDENT'S PRIZES AWARDED

President's prizes may be awarded in each of the following categories:

1. Academic Excellence

Students in each School will be nominated for prizes of academic excellence by a *nominating committee* consisting of the Academic Council members in that School and chaired by the Head of School (or his/her nominee).

The student with the **highest average mark**¹ (to one decimal place) **in each award** will be nominated for a prize where the *nominating committee* considers that such a prize is **merited**.

Normally, only students who achieve the highest award classification (i.e. First Class Honours or Distinction) will merit a nomination.

In the event of more than one student in an award having the same highest average mark then the *nominating committee* will apply successive comparison criteria, as deemed appropriate for that award, until one student scores highest on a particular criterion. Each comparison criterion for the students concerned must be based solely on the marks achieved for a particular module or on the average mark achieved over a particular semester or stage, from any stage leading to that award.

2. Enterprising Student of the Year

Amongst the growing demand for graduate skills such as entrepreneurship, creativity and leadership in what is now a very dynamic and competitive global market, the Institute promotes and encourages "enterprise for life" skills through innovative pedagogies, together with a suite of complementary experiential learning activities to include the student enterprise internship programme.

A prize will be awarded to the most enterprising student of the year

¹ Or Grade Point Average (GPA)

3. Contribution to the life of the Institute or the Community

This is an exceptional prize and may not be awarded every year. This prize is intended for a student who has demonstrated exceptional personal attributes and actively led or participated in activities that have had a positive impact on the Institute and/or the community that the Institute serves. The impact of the activities considered should be significant.

Nominating and Selection Process for Categories 2 and 3

The President will seek nominations from the Institute community and any member of that community may nominate a student for one of these prizes. A statement justifying the nomination will accompany each nomination.

The President will appoint a selection committee that will advise which student, if any, of those nominated merits the award of the prize in each case.

The structure of the selection committee, in each case, is:

- The President (or his/her nominee) [Chairperson]
- An ex-officio member of the Academic Council
- An elected member of the Academic Council
- Two other people, nominated by the President.

OTHER PRIZES

Other President's Prizes may be proposed. The conditions under which they are awarded must be agreed in advance by the Academic Council.