UTR1.174 - THE HUGH MARTIN WEIR PRIZE

Background

A. In 2011, Glen and Robina Weir donated $20,000 to the University to honour the memory of Lieutenant Hugh Martin Weir (1915-2004) and his fellow prisoners of war. Hugh Martin Weir was a prisoner of war of the Japanese in Java 1942 – 1945.

B. The University accepted the donation upon the trusts specified and the donation therefore became the capital subject to those trusts (‘capital sum’).

Name of the Fund

1. The capital sum, all income arising from the capital sum, and any accumulations and additions thereto together form a fund called ‘The Hugh Martin Weir Prize’ (‘fund’).

Investment of the Fund

2. The fund is to be amalgamated for the purposes of investment, and held in a common fund, and the net income earned by the common fund shall be credited, rateably, to the funds so amalgamated and thereafter distributed according to the trusts specified by the donor.

Obligations

3. In administering the fund, the University must adhere to the terms specified and is obliged:-

   (a) to invest the capital sum according to the directions of the donor; and

   (b) to establish a prize in the manner described in the following Rules.

Rules

1. The Prize will be formally named The Hugh Martin Weir Prize and will be awarded annually. The Prize is to honour the memory of Lieutenant Hugh Martin Weir (1915 to 2004) and his fellow prisoners of war. Hugh was a prisoner of war of the Japanese in Java for three and a half years between 1942 and 1945.

2. The prize is awarded for the purpose of encouraging study and research, including use of the Barr Smith Library collections, into any aspect of:-

   2.1 Australia’s involvement in any war. This may include the impact of war on those persons involved, on their families and/or on their communities;

   2.2 The treatment of prisoners of war in any conflict. This may include the impact on the prisoners of war, on their families and/or on their communities.

3. The maximum value of the Prize will be $2,000 and will be paid in two instalments of up to $1,000 each. The first instalment will be at the time the award is made. The second instalment will be awarded upon completion of the research and the publication of the results of the research by deposit in Adelaide Research and Scholarship – the University Repository.

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4. If there is no candidate of sufficient merit in any given year then the prize will not be awarded in that year and the available distribution of interest may be used in subsequent years.

5. If there is more than one candidate of equal merit, more than one prize may be awarded. The number of prizes and value will be determined by the Award Committee each year.

6. The Prize is open to University of Adelaide students who are enrolled in an Honours thesis program or a postgraduate program by coursework or by research either starting or in progress. Postdoctoral researchers are eligible to apply within three years of a doctoral award.

7. The Prize may be put towards the costs of travel and accommodation, books, printing, inter-library loans, copying and publication or other agreed purposes identified in the candidate’s application to support the research.

8. Selection of the winner will be by an Award Committee comprising
   - the University Librarian or his/her nominee (Convenor)
   - Glen Cameron Weir or his nominee
   - the Head of the Department of History or his /her nominee

9. The Award Committee may decide not to award the Prize in a particular year.

10. Selection will be based on a written application, referee report and possibly interview.

11. The Prize winner is
   11.1 required to publish the results of the research by deposit in Adelaide Research and Scholarship – the University Repository;
   11.2 required to acknowledge the Prize in relation to the research;
   11.3 expected to use the Barr Smith Library collections for at least some of the research.

12. The successful applicant will be under no obligation whatsoever to render any service to the benefactor or the University of Adelaide as a result of receiving this Prize.

13. The rules of The Hugh Martin Weir Prize may be varied from time to time by Glen Weir or his nominee in consultation with the University of Adelaide, but the name and the general purpose of the Prize shall not be changed.

14. The University of Adelaide accepts no responsibility to support the recipient of the Prize in the event that the Prize ceases to be funded for any reason.

Rules approved by Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor & Vice President (Academic) 6 October 2017