Background

A. This prize has been established by a contribution to the University by an anonymous donor, who wishes to recognise the outstanding work of Dr Jennifer Gardner who commenced service in 1986 as the Curator of the Waite Arboretum. The prize, while honouring Dr Jennifer Gardner and her work, is also aimed at raising the profile of the Waite Arboretum as a resource available for research for students and researchers.

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 Dr Jennifer Gardner Prize for Waite Arboretum Research’ (‘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

In administering the fund, the University must adhere to the terms specified and is obliged to award a prize annually as set out in the following Rules.

Rules

1. The value of the Prize will be $500.00 per annum 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 University's Endowment fund for that year.

2. The Prize will be awarded annually by the University to a student or a researcher who is conducting a research project which in some way engages the Waite Arboretum as part of, or an important resource for, their research. The Prize will be offered annually and will be open to students enrolled at the University of Adelaide regardless of course or level, or to University of Adelaide researchers.

3. The selection will be made by the Dean of Waite or their nominee, the Curator of the Waite Arboretum and a nominated academic from the School of Agriculture, Food and Wine who will award the prize to the lead student or researcher for a research project involving the Waite Arboretum. The key criteria in identifying the best research project will be the ability of the project to enhance sustainability of the urban landscape or understanding of the natural environment.

4. 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.

5. If there is more than one candidate of equal merit, then the prize shall be shared.
6. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the original objectives of the prize.