Background

A. The Thornber Prize was established from funds donated to the University of Adelaide by the old scholars of the Unley Park School in 1925, being £450 which they had collected from amongst their members, in memory of the late Catherine Maria Thornber, who was for many years Principal of that school.

B. The University accepted the donation upon the trusts specified by the donor 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 Thornber 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 wishes of 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 shall be called “The Thornber Prize”.

(2) The value of the prize is $500.00 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

1 For further information on the University’s Endowment Fund and the distribution of interest available please see the Endowment Fund Investment Report

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(5) 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.

(6) 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.

(7) 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.

(8) The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the original objectives of the prize.

Rule Revisions:

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