

UTR1.46 - THOMAS GEPP PRIZE

Background

- A. In 1950, Florence May Pontt bequeathed to the University £200 for the purpose of founding a prize in memory of her late father, Thomas Gepp to be administered as follows:-

“...I BEQUEATH to the University of Adelaide a legacy of £200 free of duty for the establishment of a prize in Private International Law to be known as “The Thomas Gepp” prize in memory of my late father Thomas Gepp for many years a Special Magistrate. The prize shall be of the value of £5:- in cash or books at the successful student’s option and shall be awarded to the Law Student who is placed first in the final examinations (whether annually or otherwise) in the said subject provided the student is in the opinion of the Faculty of Law of sufficient merit. Capital and income may be resorted to and in the event of two or more students being equal in their final examinations the work of each during the year shall be taken into account in selecting the successful student. The receipt of the Registrar of the University for the said legacy shall be a sufficient discharge to my trustees therefor.”

- B. The University accepted the bequest upon the trusts specified by the donor and the bequest 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 ‘Thomas Gepp 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 terms of the Prize.

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 to be administered in accordance with the following Rules.

Rules

Title

1. The prize shall be known as the ‘Thomas Gepp Prize’.

Value

2. The value of the Prize shall be \$500 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 income available from the Endowment Fund.

Eligibility

3. To be eligible for the prize candidates must have successfully completed the course *LAW 2573 – Private International Law* as part of the Bachelor of Laws program, in the year for which the Prize is awarded.
4. Candidates are ineligible if they:-
 - have provided false or misleading information that has a relationship to the awarding of this Prize;
 - have been found guilty of misconduct by the Student Misconduct Tribunal and have had relevant penalties imposed on them in accordance with the University's Policies, Rules and Statutes for Student Misconduct.

Selection of Candidate

5. The Prize shall be awarded in the years in which that subject is offered by the Adelaide Law School to the candidate who achieved the highest mark in the course specified above as determined by the Coursework Scholarships and Prizes Office.
6. If the Prize is not awarded in any year, then the available income distribution shall be added to the capital sum in the Endowment Fund.
7. If there is more than one candidate of equal merit, preference may be given to the candidate who is deemed the most outstanding candidate taking into consideration aptitude, enthusiasm and participation as determined by the School.

Administration and Variations

8. The Prize will be administered by the Coursework Scholarships and Prize Office with the School undertaking grade verification, with the nominated recipient being notified to the School Business Manager.
9. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and policies.
10. The University reserves the right to withdraw the Prize if the Student Misconduct Tribunal has found the student guilty of misconduct and imposed a relevant penalty, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information that has a relationship to the awarding of this Prize in accordance with the University's Policies, Rules and Statutes for Student Misconduct.
11. Once the Prize has been withdrawn for that year, it may be re-awarded to the next eligible student at the discretion of the School and subject to available funding.

Rule Revisions

Date	Approving Authority
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