



PRIZES AND MEDALS POLICY

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1. OVERVIEW

This Policy outlines rules and standards associated with the distribution of scholastic prizes and medals within Bond University.

2. THE POLICY

2.1. Prizes

2.1.1. Frequency of Prize Distribution

Prizes shall be awarded annually, except that, in accepting any bequest to fund a prize, the University reserves the right to vary the terms of acceptance if the annual interest falls below the minimum amount approved for a prize by:

- offering the prize every two (2) years;
- using capital progressively to make up annual prize amount until the fund is exhausted;
- combining the fund with another source of revenue to maintain the annual amount for disbursement.

2.1.2. Amount of Prizes

The minimum value for a prize shall be \$500. The University reserves the right to revise the minimum amount from time to time, provided that:

- twelve (12) months' notice of any increase is given to the donor;
- no donor who has undertaken to offer a prize for five (5) years will be expected to increase the amount during that period.

2.1.3. Tenure of Prizes

A prize with the name of the donor attached is normally offered for a minimum period of five (5) calendar years.

A prize may be funded by annual donation, a sum of money to cover five (5) or more years of awards or a bequest from which the interest is available annually.

2.1.4. Composition of Prizes

Prizes may take the form of:

- a cash award;
- books or a voucher to purchase same;

- equipment;
- software or audio-visual supplies relevant to the discipline for which the prize is offered;
- travel vouchers, accommodation in a University hall of residence or such other alternative as approved by Academic Senate.

In addition, but not funded from the \$500 minimum, a medallion or other suitable inscribed memento provided by the donor may be awarded to the prize winner. The prize may be accompanied by an optional offer of employment within a donor's organisation for a designated period either during or following the completion of the winner's course of study.

2.1.5. Selection Criteria for Awarding Prizes

A prize may be awarded to a student who has demonstrated the greatest proficiency in an individual subject or designated group of subjects which will normally be determined by one of the following measures:

- overall grade point average achieved over one (1) or two (2) full-time semesters;
- overall grade point average achieved in a designated group of not more than four (4) subjects over one (1) or two (2) full-time semesters;
- grade achieved in a designated subject; or
- results achieved in a special project under terms and conditions approved by Academic Senate.
- cumulative grade point average over the duration of program of study.

2.1.6. Exceptions for Awarding Prizes

Prizes may not be awarded under the following conditions:

- no student may receive the same prize more than once, unless an exception is provided for in the schedule with regard to a specific prize; and
- a student who has previously enrolled for a subject at Bond University (or a subject at another institution deemed by the selection panel to be an equivalent) is not eligible for consideration for a prize in that subject.

A prize shall not be awarded in any year if, in the opinion of the selection panel, there is no candidate of sufficient merit to justify an award. All matters relating to the award of a prize are subject to the overall authority of the University Council which reserves the right to vary regulations for serious cause at its discretion, having due regard, as far as possible, to the wishes of the donor.

2.1.7. Donor Restrictions on Prizes

If a donor wishes, candidature for prizes may be restricted to one (1) of the following groups:

- citizens or permanent residents of a particular country;
- students who reside within a designated Australian state or region approved by Council;
- female students;
- male students;
- students of a designated group approved by Academic Senate as worthy of special recognition or encouragement by a prize.

2.2. Medals

University medals are awarded to graduating students in recognition of high achievement. A Schedule of approved Medals is at [Attachment A](#).

2.2.1. Establishment Process for a University Medal

The Faculty or School must submit a brief proposal to Academic Senate for approval which should include the following information:

- Purpose of the medal;
- Naming of the medal;
- Funding of the medal and all financial requirements;
- Guidelines for the award of the medal;
- Donor restrictions or exceptions to the awarding of the medal;
- Frequency of the medal;
- Medal design and size and material to be used in the manufacture.

2.2.2. Frequency of Medal Distribution

Medals should be awarded annually, except where medal conditions are not met. This will be determined by the Faculty or School that is awarding the medal.

2.2.3. Event for the Awarding of Medals

Medals are to be awarded at a graduation ceremony as approved by Academic Senate unless an alternative is agreed upon by Academic Senate at the establishment of the medal.

2.2.4. Exceptions for Awarding Medals

All matters relating to the award of a medal are subject to the overall authority of Academic Senate which reserves the right to vary regulations for serious cause at its discretion, having due regard, as far as possible, to the wishes of the donor.

2.3. Financial Accountability and Record Keeping

All financial records involved in the funding and the ongoing financial accountability of the prizes and medals are to be maintained by the Faculty or School which nominated the prize or medal.

If there are any amendments or deletions to the prizes and medals, approval of the changes must be sought through Academic Senate at least twelve (12) months in advance. Amendments or deletions approved by Academic Senate are to be electronically communicated to the University Registrar and Student Business Centre for policy and graduation purposes.

3. DEFINITIONS

Prizes Cash or capital reward offered to students on an annual basis in recognition of high scholastic achievement.

Medals A commemorative award offered in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement.

4. RELATED PROCEDURES, GUIDELINES AND FORMS

[Overview of Bond University Medals](#)

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BOND BUSINESS SCHOOL MEDALS

Steven Johnson Memorial Medal

The Steven Johnson Memorial Medal may be awarded at the first graduation ceremony each year to a student who is graduating at that ceremony, or who graduated in either of the preceding trimesters and obtained the highest level of achievement.

In order to be eligible for the medal, a student must have graduated, or be eligible to graduate, with a Bachelor of Commerce and have completed at least eighteen (18) subjects at Bond University. The best eighteen (18) subjects are used to calculate academic achievement. The medal will only be awarded if there is a graduate of sufficient merit and it will not necessarily be awarded each year.

Marilyn Jones Achievement Medal

The Marilyn Jones Achievement Medal may be awarded at the first graduation ceremony each year to a student who is graduating at that ceremony or who graduated in either of the preceding semesters and obtained the highest level of achievement. In order to be eligible for the medal, a student must have graduated with a Masters degree by coursework awarded by the Bond Business School and have completed all the subjects for that degree at Bond University. The medal is only awarded if there is a graduate of sufficient merit and it will not necessarily be awarded each year.

FACULTY OF SOCIETY AND DESIGN MEDAL

John Hardy Achievement Medal

The John Hardy Achievement Medal may be awarded at the first graduation ceremony each year to the best Society and Design student who is graduating at that ceremony or who graduated in either of the preceding two (2) semesters and obtained the highest level of academic achievement.

Soheil Abedian Medals for Excellence

Soheil Abedian Medal for Excellence (UG)

The Soheil Abedian Medal of Excellence acknowledges the highest achieving undergraduate student in the Bachelor of Architectural Studies program each year at Bond University. This medal is awarded at the first graduation ceremony each year to a student who has fulfilled the requirements to graduate and has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average over all subjects in the program.

Soheil Abedian Medal for Excellence (PG)

The Soheil Abedian Medal of Excellence acknowledges the highest achieving postgraduate student in the Master of Architecture program each year at Bond University. This medal is awarded at the second graduation ceremony each year to a student who has fulfilled the requirements to graduate and has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average over all subjects in the program.

Since the inception of the Soheil Abedian School of Architecture in 2010, students have been encouraged to use creative design thinking toward imaginative possibilities in our globalised world. Our medal benefactor and school namesake, Dr Soheil Abedian, is a strong supporter of this learning philosophy and this has been demonstrated by his long standing support of a number of student scholarships and initiatives in partnership with Bond University. With his continued support, interest and involvement the Soheil Abedian School of Architecture has gone from strength to strength, and the Medal of Excellence reflects the quality of graduates from this innovative program.

Grenby Family Beyond Bond Medal

Bond University celebrates the student who earns the highest number of points through the Beyond Bond Program each semester.

Assistant Professor Mike Grenby, who has devoted himself to Bond students since he joined the University in 1998, and the Grenby Family proudly support the Grenby Family Beyond Bond Medal, to nurture and reward the creative spirit of our students. The award includes a medal, certificate and cash prize. Assistant Professor Grenby introduced the public speaking subject to Bond University in 1999, now offered as a Beyond Bond intensive workshop, The Unfair Advantage – which features the iconic Toga Speech, undertaken by thousands of students.

Assistant Professor Grenby also delivers this workshop at the University of Cambridge, London School of Economics and Tsinghua University in Beijing.

FACULTY OF LAW MEDAL

The John F Kearney Law Gold Medal

The Law Gold Medal, donated by Mr John Kearney QC, may be awarded in February to a student who has fulfilled the requirements for graduation in the preceding calendar year. In order to be eligible for the Gold Medal, a student must have completed at least twenty (20) law subjects at Bond University. The best twenty (20) law subjects are used in calculating academic achievement. The medal will only be awarded if there is a graduate of sufficient merit and it will not necessarily be awarded each year.