The R.B. Potts Prize

PRIZE RULES

Establishment

This prize has been established by a contribution to the University by former students, friends and colleagues of Professor R.B. Potts who served the University in the years 1948 to 1990. The prize was established in recognition of Professor R. B. Potts' contribution to Applied Mathematics.

Value and Payment

The value of the Prize will be $500.00 per year, until otherwise determined by the University.

The prize is paid as a result of a donation made in 1990 by former students, friends and colleagues of Professor R.B. Potts to the value of $10,868.00 (GST free). The capital for the prize is held in perpetuity resulting in the minimum annual prize distribution paid from a composite fund.

Eligibility

The prize will be awarded annually by the University to a student who meets the following criteria.

 a) The student must have completed 9 units of Level III Applied Mathematics courses.
 b) The student must have completed at least one of the above courses in the year for which the prize is awarded.
 c) The student must be enrolled in the Honours degree of Mathematical and Computer Sciences, the Honours degree of Mathematical Sciences or the Master of Philosophy degree as of the March 31st census date of the following year, and be writing a research project in Applied Mathematics.

Selection of Candidate

The Head of the School of Mathematical Sciences will award the prize to the student who achieves the highest average mark in the 9 units of Level III Applied Mathematics courses specified above.

If there is no candidate of sufficient merit that meets eligibility clause c), then that clause may be waived.

No one shall receive the prize more than once.

If there is no candidate of sufficient merit in a given year then the prize will not be awarded in that year.

If there is more than one candidate of equal merit, then the prize shall be shared equally.

Variations

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