The Val Asche Prize for Academic Excellence

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Education and Training of the Menzies School of Health Research acknowledges the importance of recognising outstanding achievement by a student undertaking a coursework award.

The Val Asche Prize for Academic Excellence is awarded on an annual basis at the end of each academic year.

A prize of a $200 book voucher is awarded to each of the two students whose academic performance has been outstanding in the completed courses: Master of Public Health and Graduate Diploma in Public Health OR Graduate Diploma in Health Research.

1.0 Procedures for Funding

1.1 Dr Val Asche donates $400 annually through the Menzies Communications Unit
1.2 The Communications Unit processes the donation and deposits the funds into the Education and Training account code: E001
1.3 The Communications Unit acknowledges the donation to Dr Asche

1. Eligibility

To be awarded a prize, a student must:

2.1 Have completed the coursework component of the accredited course in which they are enrolled
2.2 Attain a Grade Point Average of at least 6.0
2.3 Have completed a minimum of 80% of the scheduled program in CDU based units or approved cross-institutional elective units

2. Determination of Recipient

3.1 Selection of a recipient is based on academic merit only using the Grade Point Average which is available on the students’ academic history through Callista - the CDU student system of records
3.2 Where a student has been granted credit for specific courses or units for studies whilst enrolled in another program at CDU or another institution, the graded results will be included in the calculation of the grade point average

4. Guidelines

The following guidelines apply:

4.1 A copy of this policy must be provided to the sponsor at the time the prize is negotiated
4.2 Eligible students in both Semesters 1 and 2 are identified by the Academic Administrator at the end of Semester 2 each year and their Grade Point Average is recorded
4.3 In the event that 2 or more students attain the same Grade Point Average and it is not possible to distinguish between two or more candidates, the prize may be shared
4.4 The prize shall only be awarded when there is a candidate of sufficient academic merit who meets the criteria for the award
4.5 Each recipient is notified in writing by Education and Training
4.6 Dr Val Asche shall be notified to whom the prize has been awarded by Education and Training
4.7 The decision by Education and Training is final
5. **Post Selection**

5.1 The Communications Unit issues an invitation to Dr Asche and the winner of the prize to attend the Menzies Annual General meeting where the prize together with a certificate will be conferred

5.2 The Communications Unit develops an appropriate certificate for the winner of the prize