

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

**The Val Asche Memorial Prize for Academic Excellence** is awarded on an annual basis to those students who completed their coursework award with the highest grade point average the previous academic year.

Dr Valerie Asche was the head of the microbiology research unit at Menzies School of Health Research from 1986 to 1994 under its founding director Professor John Mathews. Dr Asche supported this award for 19 years before sadly passing away in 2019. Dr Asche's family maintains an interest in education and continues to support academic excellence among Menzies students.

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

## Procedures for Funding

- 1.1 The Asche Family donates \$750 annually through Menzies Communications.
- 1.2 Menzies Communications processes the donation and deposits the funds into the Education and Training account code: E00001
- 1.3 Menzies Communications acknowledges the donation to the Asche Family.

## 1. Eligibility

To be awarded a prize, a student must:

- 2.1 Have completed 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 at 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 management system
- 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 are identified by Education and Training at the end of Semester 2 each year and their Grade Point Average is recorded and ranked
- 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 The Asche Family 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 Menzies Communications issues an invitation to Dr Austin Asche and Dr Wendy Asche and the winners of the prize to attend the Menzies Annual General meeting where the prize together with a certificate will be conferred
- 5.2 Menzies Communications develops an appropriate certificate for the winner of the prize