



MICK DODSON PRIZE FOR INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS AND THE LAW

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION

Each year the ANU Law School, within the ANU College of Law, may offer one award known as the Mick Dodson Prize for Indigenous Australians and the Law.

The objectives of the prize are to recognise the student(s) who has demonstrated a high level of academic excellence through being awarded the highest result in LAWS4238 Indigenous Australians and the Law at the ANU College of Law.

The value of the prize awarded is \$1,500. If two or more students achieve the same top mark, the prize awarded in that year shall be divided equally between them.

The prize will be on offer from year to year unless otherwise stated by the donor.

Funding for this prize has been provided by the Wood Indigenous Law Endowment which also supports the Aileen Moreton-Robinson Indigenous Student Prize and the Anthony McAvoy SC Prize for Indigenous Community Legal Clinic. The Prize is named in honour of Professor Mick Dodson AM FASSA, a member of the Yawuru people from the Broome area of Western Australia. Professor Dodson was the first Indigenous Australian to graduate from law in Australia and is a prominent advocate of land rights and social justice, as well as being an Indigenous Barrister and academic. In 2009, he was honoured as Australian of the Year.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to an ANU student who is:

- (a) is a domestic or international student.
- (b) enrolled in the course LAWS4278 Indigenous Community Legal Clinic during the calendar year relevant to the award of the prize.
- (c) achieved the best result in the course LAWS4278 Indigenous Community Legal Clinic as shown by the award of the highest mark.

3. SELECTION AND CONSTRAINTS

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit through the award of the highest mark in the course.

A student is not eligible to be awarded the prize if:

- (a) the student is making a second or subsequent attempt at the course; or
- (b) the student has previously pursued a course of study in a course, (whether at the University or another tertiary education institution), the content of which, is in the opinion of the Dean of the ANU College of Law, substantially similar to the content of the course for which the prize is to be awarded.

The ANU College of Law reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The ANU College of Law may also vary the number of prizes if multiple winners are identified by splitting the prize.

If the course LAWS4278 Indigenous Community Legal Clinic ceases to be offered or is not offered in that year, it is at the discretion of the Dean of the ANU College of Law to nominate a prize recipient who was enrolled in a course which has similar content.

Where required, the University Medal Committee will be available for qualitative or subjective assessment determinants if a decision is not reached within the College to determine prize winners.

4. RECIPIENT OBLIGATIONS

The awarding of a prize is based on the information provided to the University. A prize may be declined by the recipient once they have been notified as the prize winner. This must be provided in writing to the ANU College of Law no later than two weeks from notification.

If the prize is accepted by the recipient, they agree to the publication of their name.

In some instances the recipient may be asked to:

- 1) write a letter of thanks to the donor;
- 2) participate in marketing activities and/or asked to provide a reflective statement.

5. REVIEW OF PRIZE

The award will be reviewed:

- (a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 1; or
- (b) if any eligibility requirements are to be amended; or
- (c) after 3 years

whichever is earliest.

6. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis, these conditions of award may be varied by the Dean of the ANU College of Law on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

7. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

All enquiries regarding the prize and changes, issues, or further information after acceptance should be made to:

ANU College of Law

Email: marketing.law@anu.edu.au

8. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of this award is subject to The Australian National University Act 1991 as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Resolutions of the University.

These conditions of award should be read in conjunction with the University's Coursework Scholarships Policy & Procedures available from the ANU website.

9. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_016212

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_016213

ANU Academic Misconduct Rules

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2014L01785>

ANU Discipline Rules

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2014L01792>

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