

Roger Oppenheim Memorial Prize in Sociology

Faculty/LSRI:	Arts and Education
Applicable study:	Masters study in Sociology
Application process:	No application is required
Number on offer:	One
Value:	\$1,500
Code:	P766

Specific Terms of the Prize

1. Prize description

- (1) The objective of the Prize is to recognise excellence in postgraduate research in Sociology at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (the University).
- (2) The terms of the Prize comprise sections 5 to 23 of the [Scholarships and Prizes Statute 2025 \(Statute\)](#), these Specific Terms, and any requirements stated on the application form or stipulated in writing by the Director.

2. Prize value

The Prize comprises \$1,500 paid in one instalment.

3. Eligibility criteria

- (1) The eligibility criteria for the Prize are:
 - (a) the recipient must have been enrolled in a Master of Arts degree in the Faculty of Arts and Education at the University; and
 - (b) the recipient must have been majoring/specialising in Sociology; and
 - (c) the recipient must have completed a 120-point sociological thesis by research in the previous academic year; and
 - (d) the recipient must have achieved at least an A- grade for their thesis.

Note - See section 6 (Eligibility criteria) of the [Statute](#).

4. Selection process and criteria

- (1) The Prize is granted by the Vice-Chancellor after receiving a recommendation from the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Social Sciences (or nominee).
- (2) The Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Social Sciences (or nominee) may consult with the Major/Specialisation Leader for Sociology (or nominee).

- (3) The selection criteria for the grant of a prize is:
- (a) the student who achieved the highest marks for their thesis.
- (4) In the event of a tie, the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Social Sciences (or nominee), in consultation with the Major/Specialisation Leader for Sociology (or their nominee), will determine whether the Prize may be shared.

Note: See section 8 (Selection) and 15 (Prizes) of the [Statute](#).

5. Definitions

- (1) A word that is defined in section 23 (Definitions) of the [Statute](#) has the same meaning when used in these Specific Terms.

6. Commencement and Revocation

These Specific Terms come into force on 4 August 2026. The Roger Oppenheim Memorial Prize in Sociology Regulations are revoked on that date.

Document control

Approved by: Pro Vice-Chancellor Education

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