

# Pacific Lawyers' Association Prize for Legal Writing

<b>Code:</b>	P150
<b>Faculty:</b>	Law
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Pacific Legal Studies
<b>Closing date:</b>	By nomination
<b>Tenure:</b>	
<b>For:</b>	Prize
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	\$500

## Description

The Prize was established in 2018 and is funded by the Pacific Lawyers' Association. The Association aims to promote and conduct research on any issue of relevance to Pacific lawyers and Pacific peoples, and to promote the education of Pacific law students.

The main purpose of the Prize is to recognise and reward the best piece of writing on an issue relating to Pacific people by a student of Pacific heritage.

## Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Prize is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee)

## Regulations

1. The Prize will be known as the Pacific Lawyers' Association Prize for Legal Writing.
2. One Prize will be awarded annually and will be of the value of \$500.
3. The Prize will be awarded each year to the student of Pacific heritage (see Note 1) who is judged to have written the best essay on an issue relating to Pacific people in LAWGENRL 458 Pasifika Peoples and the Law or LAWGENRL 428 South Pacific Legal Studies, or an equivalent course related to Pacific Legal Studies.
4. The winning essay will be selected by a panel comprised of at least one representative of the Pacific Lawyers' Association and one representative of the Faculty of Law from a short-list of the three essays by students of Pacific heritage that achieved the highest marks in LAWGENRL 458 or LAWGENRL 428, or an equivalent course related to Pacific Legal Studies.
5. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), in consultation with the donors.
6. The Prize may not be shared.
7. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets

the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.

8. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Prize.
9. Notes [I]-[II] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. *Pacific heritage is defined as indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji (iTaukei), Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia and Rapanui (Easter Island), Pitcairn Islands, Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.*
- II. *The Pacific Lawyers' Association may discretionarily assist in publication of the winning essay.*