



UTS Conditions of Award

Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation Regional Journalism Prize

Faculty: Arts and Social Sciences

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below Prize ('Prize') as well as the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and UTS in regards to this Prize. The administrative processes to support awarding this Prize will be managed, and may be amended, in accordance with UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

1. PRIZE NAME: Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation Regional Journalism Prize

2. PURPOSE

The aim of the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation (VFFF) Regional Journalism Prize is to encourage undergraduate journalism students to continue their journalism training by undertaking a voluntary work placement with a regional news outlet. The Prize is focused on providing this opportunity to students who may not have the social capital to obtain a placement on their own.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

- Seventeen (17) Recipients will be awarded across 2020 and 2021.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The maximum value of the Prize is \$2,375 to the recipient.
- The opportunity for a 4-week voluntary work placement with a regional news outlet.
- Financial assistance for travel to the placement may be provided up to \$500.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The Recipient will receive one payment of \$2,375 by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account; and
- The voluntary placement will be with a regional news outlet and will commence at the completion of Spring session or early 2021, with the parameters to be agreed between the Recipient and the designated news outlet); and
- Financial assistance for travel will be paid into the Recipient's bank account. Receipts for travel expenditure may be required.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Prize, a candidate must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and
- Be enrolled in the Bachelor of Communication (Journalism); and
- Have successfully completed 48 credit points; and
- Submit a piece of journalistic work completed during the degree and that has been published on Central News, that is:
 - no fewer than four-hundred (400) words, or
 - video work of no less than 4 minutes, or
 - audio work or no less than 4 minutes

- A statement of no more than 400 words articulating how being awarded the Prize will support their passion for a career in journalism.

5. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Journalistic merit of their submitted piece
- Articulated passion for a career in journalism as demonstrated in their submitted statement of no more than 400 words
- Academic merit in the Bachelor or Communication (Journalism) to date.
- Preference is given to:
 - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants; and
 - Applicants who have educational disadvantages as demonstrated by a personal statement, including:
 - Financial hardship
 - Low socio-economic status background (low SES)
 - Remote or regional

6. SELECTION

The applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee chaired by the Dean of the Faculty (or their nominee), the Head of Journalism, the Central News Coordinator (or their nominee), and a member of the Centre for Media Transition (CMT).

Determination of the Prize will be made using the above selection criteria. The Recipient(s) will be approved by the Chair of the Selection Committee and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

7. OTHER CONDITIONS: N/A