



## UTS Prize Conditions of Award

### Lorraine Holley Essay Prize

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below prize ('Prize') and 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.

#### Faculty of Science

#### **1. NAME: Lorraine Holley Essay Prize**

#### **2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Prize is to encourage Science students to firstly consider imaginative application of their research to the benefit of people who are poor, marginalised, disenfranchised or a minority and secondly to creatively engage in the written communication of this application.

#### **3. VALUE AND BENEFIT**

##### **3.1 Number of Recipients**

- A maximum of two (2) recipients will be awarded the Prize annually for a period of 10 years from 2017.

##### **3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient**

- The value of the Prize to the Recipient is \$500, and is comprised of a cash award.
- The Recipient will also receive a certificate of award.

##### **3.3 Payment of benefit/s**

- The Recipient will receive one payment of \$500 by electronic funds transfer to his/her nominated bank account.
- A certificate of award will be presented to the Recipient at the Science Scholarship and Prize Giving Ceremony.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The Recipient must:

- Be a current student enrolled in an award course in the Faculty of Science.
- Submit a 1,000 word essay on the possible application of their research or project to benefit people who are poor, marginalised, disenfranchised or a minority.

#### **5. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Students will self-enrol in the subject CSC110 Lorraine Holley Prize and submit an essay of approximately 1000 words which addresses the relevance of their research project to the lives of people who are a minority, poor, marginalised, or otherwise disenfranchised.

- All submissions must include:
  - A cover page which is clearly marked with the name, student number and email of the author and the supervisor's name.
  - A descriptive and catchy title.
  - A bibliography on a separate page for the key references.
- The essay should be written in a manner suited to an audience of informed but non-specialist readers and it must communicate the key aspects of the research work, target group(s) and the issues faced, and how the research could benefit each target group. The target group(s) must be clearly identified, they being the peoples for whom the research results are most relevant. Appropriate citation of key references is required.
- Authors are also encouraged to engage the reader towards a greater understanding of the relevance of the work to their own lives, either directly or as a consequence of their role in society and nature.
- Successful candidates will demonstrate the following:
  1. The ability to tell a compelling and meaningful story which engages readers towards a greater understanding of the key issues addressed by the research and the impacted groups.
  2. Research presented in a manner so that an informed non-specialist reader can understand it and a person skilled in the area can attest its veracity.
  3. Evidence of in-depth understanding of, and empathy with the target groups.
  4. Creativity in story and form, but also plausibility in linking the research to significant issues faced by the target group.
  5. High quality writing which is evidence-driven with correct academic citation of key references.

## **6. SELECTION**

The essay will be open for submission during November, with a deadline of 5pm, 30<sup>th</sup> November in any given year. Specific submission details will be provided on an annual basis.

The Prize Selection Committee will normally comprise Dr Loraine Holley, an Academic from the Faculty of Science, a person with expertise in humanitarian work, and chaired by the Dean, Science (or their nominee). The selection will take place early in the year prior to the annual Science Awards Ceremony.

## **7. OTHER CONDITIONS**

- Past winners may not apply.
- Plagiarism or evidence that the essay is not the original work of the author will be grounds for automatic disqualification.
- If there are no eligible applicants, the Prize will not be awarded.