

The Ensom Prize

Regulations

Key Information

Closing date	30 September
Value	\$1,500
Number available annually	At least one

1. Purpose

The prize is for an essay on a specified topic relating to constructive policy to promote and preserve international peace and goodwill.

2. Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must:

- a. be undergraduates of the University of Canterbury; or
- b. have become eligible to graduate from the University with their first degree not more than 12 months before the closing date for applications for the current round.

3. Application process

3.1 Applicants must submit an essay on a topic that is advertised two months before the closing date (see clause 3.3) on the Scholarships website¹ and by the Department of Political Science and International Relations. The topic of the essay reflects the donor's instruction that the prize must go to the best essay advocating a constructive policy for the promotion and preservation of international peace and goodwill and the discontinuance of armaments and of special means of coercion against races or classes of people or on some phase of these subjects calculated to draw forth arguments against the use of military air or naval force.

3.2 Essays must be typed and of no more than 3,000 words in length.²

3.3 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website¹ by 30 September.

4. Selection criteria

4.1 In making the recommendation(s), the Head of Department (or nominee) considers the quality of essays submitted on the topic prescribed that year.

4.2 If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no prize is awarded. If, in any year, funds permit and there are entries of sufficient standard, more than one prize may be awarded.

5. Selection process

5.1 At least one prize is available annually (see clause 4.2).

5.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of Political Science and International Relations (or nominee).

6. Conditions of acceptance

By accepting the award, recipients permit:

- a. publication and announcement of their acceptance; and
- b. publication of their essay in any form the Vice-Chancellor of the University may approve.

7. Value and payment schedule

7.1 The prize comprises a monetary award at a value of \$1,500.

7.2 The prize is paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account.

8. Background information

The prize was established in 1931 from a bequest of Sarah Ann Ensom, who died on 9 June 1929.

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Notes

¹ www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

² Candidates may disclose their identity only through the application form. Submissions must be anonymous and linked to the candidate only through a motto of the candidate's choice (e.g. the title or opening line of the composition) that is added by the candidate to the top-right corner of each page of the submission.