

THE CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE PRIZES FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE STUDENTS

Rules

Background

In 2009, the Confucius Institute at the University of Adelaide, with the mission of increasing understanding of Chinese language and culture in the South Australian community, donated \$14,000 to the University to encourage and support students studying Chinese at the Centre for Asian Studies.

This is an endowed prize with the capital held in the University's Endowment Fund¹ and the income distribution each year used to fund the prize.

Rules

1. There will be 7 Prizes under the title of 'The Confucius Institute Chinese Language Prize'.
2. The total value of each Prize shall be \$140, or such other amount as the University shall from time to time determine provided that the total value awarded does not exceed the annual distribution of interest available from the Endowment Fund.
3. 4. A Prize shall be awarded annually by the Confucius Institute to 7 students; one from each of the following categories:
 - a. Merit Prizes
 - (i) A student who has completed both Chinese IA and Chinese IB and who shows by his/her academic performance to be the most outstanding student.
 - (ii) A student who has completed both Chinese IIA and Chinese IIB and who shows by his/her academic performance to be the most outstanding student.
 - (iii) A student who has completed both Chinese IIIA and Chinese IIIB and who shows by his/her academic performance to be the most outstanding student.
 - b. Achievement Prizes
 - (i) A student who has completed both Chinese IA and Chinese IB and in the opinion of the selection panel has demonstrated the highest level of commitment, enthusiasm and potential for mastering the Chinese language.
 - (ii) A student who has completed both Chinese IIA and Chinese IIB and in the opinion of the selection panel has demonstrated the highest level of commitment, enthusiasm and potential for mastering the Chinese language.
 - (iii) A student who has completed both Chinese IIIA and Chinese IIIB and in the opinion of the selection panel has demonstrated the highest level of commitment, enthusiasm and potential for mastering the Chinese language.
 - c. Advanced Chinese Prize
 - (i) A student who has completed Chinese IIISA and in the opinion of the selection panel has demonstrated excellent achievement and the highest level of commitment, enthusiasm and potential for mastering the Chinese language.
5. If the selection panel deem that two or more candidates in any category are of equal merit, the Prize shall be divided equally among the candidates.
6. If one student is identified as worthy of both the Merit and Achievement Prizes, that student will be awarded the Merit Prize and the Achievement Prize will be awarded to the second placed candidate for the Achievement Prize.
7. A selection panel will be convened by the Director of the Confucius Institute and will consist of not less than three representatives from the Department of Asian Studies.

¹ For further information on the University's Endowment Fund and the distribution of interest available please see the [Endowment Fund Investment Report](#)

8. If, in any particular year, the Selection Panel consider that no candidate is suitable for a Prize, then no award shall be made and the income that would have been awarded shall be added to the capital sum in the Endowment Fund.
9. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and [policies](#).
10. Responsibility for convening and administering the prizes will revert to the Head of the Department of Asian Studies if the Confucius Institute ceases to exist.

Rules approved by Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Vice-President (Academic) 20 March 2020