

The Hugh Martin Weir Prize

Rules

The Hugh Martin Weir Prize was established in 2011 by Glen and Robina Weir to honour the memory of Lieutenant Hugh Martin Weir (1915-2004) and his fellow prisoners of war. Hugh Martin Weir was a prisoner of war of the Japanese in Java 1942 – 1945.

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

The following rules now apply:

1. The Prize will be formally named The Hugh Martin Weir Prize and will be awarded annually. The Prize is to honour the memory of Lieutenant Hugh Martin Weir (1915 to 2004) and his fellow prisoners of war. Hugh was a prisoner of war of the Japanese in Java for three and a half years between 1942 and 1945.
2. The prize is awarded for the purpose of encouraging study and research, including use of the Adelaide University Library collections, into any aspect of:
 - 2.1 Australia's involvement in any war. This may include the impact of war on those persons involved, on their families and/or on their communities;
 - 2.2 The treatment of prisoners of war in any conflict. This may include the impact on the prisoners of war, on their families and/or on their communities.
3. The maximum value of the Prize will be \$2,000 and will be paid in two instalments of up to \$1,000 each. The first instalment will be at the time the award is made. The second instalment will be awarded upon completion of the research and the publication of the results of the research by deposit in Adelaide Research and Scholarship – the University Repository.
4. If there is no candidate of sufficient merit in any given year then the prize will not be awarded in that year and the available distribution of interest may be used in subsequent years.
5. If there is more than one candidate of equal merit, more than one prize may be awarded. The number of prizes and value will be determined by the Award Committee each year.
6. The Prize is open to Adelaide University students who are enrolled in an Honours thesis program or a postgraduate program by coursework or by research either starting or in progress. Postdoctoral researchers are eligible to apply within three years of a doctoral award.
7. The Prize may be put towards the costs of travel and accommodation, books, printing, inter-library loans, copying and publication or other agreed purposes identified in the candidate's application to support the research.

8. Selection of the winner will be by an Award Committee comprising:
 - the University Librarian or his/her nominee (Convenor)
 - Glen Cameron Weir or his nominee
 - the Head of the Department of History or his /her nominee
9. The Award Committee may decide not to award the Prize in a particular year.
10. Selection will be based on a written application, referee report, and possibly interview.
11. The Prize winner is:
 - 11.2 required to publish the results of the research by deposit in Adelaide Research and Scholarship - the University Repository;
 - 11.3 required to acknowledge the Prize in relation to the research;
 - 11.4 expected to use the Adelaide University Library collections for at least some of the research.
12. The successful applicant will be under no obligation whatsoever to render any service to the benefactor or Adelaide University as a result of receiving this Prize.
13. The rules of The Hugh Martin Weir Prize may be varied from time to time by Glen Weir or his nominee in consultation with Adelaide University, but the name and the general purpose of the Prize shall not be changed.
14. Adelaide University accepts no responsibility to support the recipient of the Prize in the event that the Prize ceases to be funded for any reason.

Rules approved by Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor & Vice President (Academic) 6 October 2017