Monash Law School Students’ Publication Prize  
2021

NUMBER OF ANNUAL AWARDS:
There will usually be at least one award per year.

AWARD BENEFITS:
The maximum award for any publication shall be a prize of $1,000. Up to two awards with a prize of $500 each may be available for runners-up depending on the standard of the publications. A Certificate will be given with the monetary prize.

ELIGIBILITY
In order to be eligible for the award, a student must:
• have been enrolled in any degree program in the Faculty of Law, Monash University at the time the publication was undertaken and have undertaken the research as part of that program;
• have a publication published between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021. The published work must:
  o include a by-line, footnote or statement that the research was undertaken in the author’s capacity as a student of the University;
  o be published either as a scholarly book or a book chapter in a scholarly book or a fully refereed journal article which met the criteria as part of the Australian Government's Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) Specifications;
  o have been included in the Faculty’s 2021 Research Publication Collection and (if possible) in the SSRN Monash Law Faculty Research Paper Series.

STAFF NOT ELIGIBLE
HDR candidates who hold tenured staff positions of either the Law Faculty or other Faculties within Monash University or other tertiary institutions are not eligible.

SELECTION CRITERIA:
The awarding of the prize will be considered by a subcommittee of the Research Committee.

In determining the winner/s of the award, the sub-committee will consider which eligible publication most strongly demonstrates evidence of:
• scholarly activity, as evidenced by discussion of the relevant literature, an awareness of the history and antecedents of work described as well as a knowledge of current developments, and a format which allows a reader to trace sources of the work through citations, footnotes etc;
• originality, that is, it is not a mere compilation of existing works;
• veracity/validity through a peer validation processes or by satisfying the commercial publisher;
• increasing the stock of knowledge; and
• being in a form that enables dissemination of knowledge (eg text well-organised, clear, easy to read and important terms defined.)
• referees’ reports of the nominated publications.
• Book reviews of the nominated publications (if relevant).

The selection sub-committee will reserve the right to withhold an award in a particular year if it believes that nominations are not of a sufficiently high calibre.

Jointly Authored Publication:

In the case of jointly authored work, all authors must sign the declaration form indicating which author is responsible for which sections of the publication. The percentage of contribution of the author to be nominated for the Monash Law School Students’ Publication Prize must be at least 50%.

If two authors are both Monash Law students at the time the work was accepted for publication, a joint nomination will be accepted and students are able to share the prize. The co-author who is not a Monash Law student at the time the work was accepted for publication is not eligible to share the prize.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD:

Presentation is to be made at the Faculty student prize ceremony which is normally held in March or April each year.