

Monash University Policy

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Scope	All campuses All programs All students
Purpose	To provide a University mechanism for rewarding extraordinary academic achievement.
POLICY STATEMENT	

Monash University recognises extraordinary academic achievement through both faculty-specific prizes and University-wide awards. Faculties are responsible for developing their own prizes and establishing criteria and procedures for them.

The University makes the following awards:

- The Sir John Monash Medal. Each faculty is allocated one Sir John Monash Medal annually to be awarded to the Bachelor degree student eligible to graduate/course complete and judged: 1) to have an excellent academic record, and 2) to have demonstrated a significant commitment, while at Monash, to advancing the University's goals of social justice, human rights and a sustainable environment.
- The University Medal for Undergraduate Academic Excellence. Each faculty is allocated a number of University Medals annually to be awarded to the undergraduate student or students eligible to graduate/course complete with honours degrees or degrees with honours and judged by the faculty to have the highest record or records of academic achievement.
- The Academic Medal for Excellence in Graduate and Postgraduate Coursework Study. Each faculty is allocated a number of Academic Medals annually to be awarded to the graduate or postgraduate coursework student or students eligible to graduate/course complete and judged by the faculty to have the highest record or records of academic achievement.
- The Mollie Holman Medal for Excellence in a PhD Thesis. The Mollie Holman Medal is awarded to PhD students who have fulfilled all requirements for the degree and are judged to have presented the best doctoral theses of the year. There shall be up to ten awards per year, normally one from each faculty. A faculty may in exceptional circumstances nominate up to two persons of exceptional calibre in any given year. However, two medals will only be awarded where both the faculty and the Research Graduate School Sub Committee are not able to determine a ranking between the two nominees and where an additional medal is available from the maximum of ten to be awarded in any given year.
- The Vice-Chancellor's Commendation for Doctoral Thesis Excellence. The Vice-Chancellor's Commendation for Doctoral Thesis Excellence may be awarded to a nominee who is not ranked first for their faculty, but that the committee feels in any other year could have been a successful Mollie

Holman Medal recipient. The Vice-Chancellor's Commendation for Doctoral Excellence will normally only be awarded to nominees from faculties with 20 completions or more for the year.

- The Vice-Chancellor's Commendation Awards for Masters Thesis Excellence are to be made across the University annually to students who are judged to have presented the best Masters theses of the year. There normally shall be three awards per year and no more than five awards per year.

Each Faculty reserves the right not to nominate any student for an award in any given year if it judges that there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

In exceptional circumstances, the University reserves the right to vary the number of awards made in any given year, as determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

All awards granted by the University shall be included on official University transcripts.

Where possible, graduating students who have won a University award shall have this noted in the program for their graduation and proclaimed at their graduation ceremony, and shall receive the award at that ceremony.

Supporting Procedures	<u>Recognition of Excellence Procedures: Coursework Awards</u>
Responsibility for implementation	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) Deans Faculty Managers Monash Research Graduate School Coursework Scholarships Unit
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Definitions	Prizes: Prizes are awards for academic performance and may be in the form of money or an object such as a book or medal. Prizes differ from University awards in that they are established and administered by Faculties.
Legislation Mandating Compliance	
Related Policies	
Related Documents	Graduations Webpage <u>Mollie Holman Doctoral Medal Criteria and Guidelines</u>