



ACADEMIC PATHWAYS PROGRAM ACADEMIC AWARDS POLICY

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- (1) The College wishes to recognise both academic excellence and academic endeavour. To that end the College has instituted a number of awards:
 - The College Medal
 - Inspiration Award
 - First in Course Awards
 - Academic Merit Awards
 - Academic Endeavour Awards
 - Academic Achievement Awards
- (2) Academic Achievement Awards are awarded at the completion of each teaching session.
- (3) All other awards are awarded once per annual cycle based on when College graduation or other award ceremonies are held.

SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

- (4) For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:
 - a. “APP” - Academic Pathways Program.
 - b. “Course Cohort” - group of students enrolled in one specific course discipline area or University Foundation Studies stream.
 - c. “The College” - Western Sydney University The College a division of Western Sydney University Enterprises Pty Limited.
 - d. “The University” - Western Sydney University.

SECTION 3 - POLICY STATEMENT

Criteria for the award of the The College Medal and Academic Awards

The College Medal

- (5) The College medal is awarded to students enrolled in the following courses:
 - e. Diploma
 - f. Associate Degree
 - g. University Foundation Studies
- (6) To be eligible the student must have:
 - a. the highest Grade Point Average (GPA) of all of the completing College students in the graduating cohort; and
 - b. completed the program in the minimum time.
- (7) At the end of each cycle, a list of all completing graduating students' GPA will be generated.
- (8) The College Medal may be awarded to the students with the most outstanding academic achievement graduating from any of The College programs in a given annual cycle. The successful students must have a minimum GPA of 9.0 if University Foundation Studies students, or 5.5 in any other APP course. Where no students are deemed to have met these criteria, the Medal will not be awarded.
- (9) Each College Medal will be engraved with the student's name and year of award.
- (10) In addition to the medal, the award of The College Medal will be recognised by the awarding of a certificate and a small gift.

The Inspiration Award

- (11) The Inspiration Award is awarded to students enrolled in the following courses:
 - a. University Foundation Studies
 - b. Diploma Courses
- (12) The purpose of the award is to recognise students who are deemed inspirational in their achievement taking into account their academic achievement, their response to disadvantage and their engagement with learning.

Academic Awards

- (13) Academic Awards comprise The College First in Course; Academic Merit; Academic Endeavour; and Academic Achievement awards.
- (14) To be eligible, the student must be enrolled in a course offered by The College.

- a. **First in Course Awards (across all campuses)** will be made in Diploma, Associate Degree and University Foundation Studies courses. The criteria for the awards are that:
 - i. candidates must have the highest GPA in their graduating course cohort in that calendar year;
 - ii. the GPA must be 4 or above;
 - iii. candidates must have finished in minimum time;
 - iv. for the Diploma courses the GPA calculation will be based only on the eight (8) University level subjects completed;
 - v. the First in Course Award for the Business course will be named the “Vlad Krajsic Award for First in Course in Business”;
 - vi. in the University Foundation Studies courses, awards will be awarded to the student who came first in each stream.
 - b. **Award of Academic Merit (across all campuses)** will be given to candidates once per calendar year who are ranked second and third in the graduating course cohort in that calendar year and who have a GPA of 4 or above.
 - c. **Award of Academic Endeavour (three (3) per program per campus)** will be given to candidates from a course cohort who have:
 - i. displayed commendable academic progress and achievement;
 - ii. demonstrated diligence and participation in academic activities;
 - iii. submitted all assessment tasks;
 - iv. not been awarded any other award.
- (15) The Academic Achievement Award will be awarded at the end of each teaching session for each instance in which a student:
- a. gained an A grade in a unit in a University Foundation Studies course;
 - b. gained a High Distinction in a unit in any other APP course.

Awards supporting documents

- (16) A supporting procedure will be maintained that:
- a. Defines the exact cohort groups the policy relates to.
 - b. Detail how award winners will be determined including the criteria and process.
 - c. Detail the process for dealing with multiple winners.

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Summary of changes from previous version

Included a GPA and minimum time requirement for the First in Course Award

Included a GPA requirement for the Academic Merit Award