

THE COLLEGE AWARDS POLICY

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- 1.1 This policy applies to all programs offered by Western Sydney University The College (The College) English Language Programs (ELP) and Academic Pathway Programs (APP).
- 1.2 The College wishes to recognise both academic excellence and academic endeavour. To this end, The College has instituted the following awards:

English Language Programs (ELP) Awards:

- 1.3 The ELP Excellence Award;
- 1.4 The ELP Academic Achievement Award;
- 1.5 The ELP Academic Endeavour Award; and
- 1.6 These awards will be made five times a year at the end of each 10-week program.

Academic Pathway Programs (APP) Awards:

- 1.7 The APP Medal;
- 1.8 The APP Inspiration Award;
- 1.9 The APP First in Program Award;
- 1.10 The APP Academic Merit Award;
- 1.11 The APP Academic Endeavour Award; and
- 1.12 These are awarded once per academic year in accordance with College graduation or College award ceremonies.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:
 - 2.1.1 Program Cohort mean a group of students enrolled in a specific program discipline area that are eligible to graduate.
 - 2.1.2 Graduating Cohort means the combined program cohorts that are eligible to graduate.
 - 2.1.3 The College means Western Sydney University Enterprises Pty Limited trading as Western Sydney University The College.
 - 2.1.4 The University means Western Sydney University.

3. PRINCIPLES FOR STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARDS

- 3.1 Student awards may take the form of: (a) medals (b) gifts or (c) certificates.
- 3.2 Student awards must:
 - 3.2.1 Recognise and support one or more of the following:
 - 3.2.1.1 academic excellence;
 - 3.2.1.2 equity of access;
 - 3.2.1.3 fairness; and
 - 3.2.1.4 The College's strategic priorities.
 - 3.2.2 Have appropriately broad, inclusive and fair eligibility and selection criteria.
- 3.3 The College is the ultimate decision maker in relation to recipients.
- 3.4 All student awards must be established and administered consistently and transparently, and in accordance with this Policy and its associated procedure.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

ELP Excellence Award

- 4.1 To be eligible for this award the student must satisfy the following criteria:
 - 4.1.1 be eligible to graduate from English for Academic Purposes (EAP5) at The College;
 - 4.1.2 have studied for at least 10 weeks at The College; and
 - 4.1.3 have the highest overall grade in the EAP5 graduating cohort.
- 4.2 Award recipients will be presented with a certificate.
- 4.3 In exceptional circumstances where two outstanding students have the same overall highest grade in the EAP5 graduating cohort, The College will give two awards.

ELP Academic Achievement Award

- 4.4 To be eligible for this award the student must satisfy the following criteria:
 - 4.4.1 be eligible to graduate from English for Academic Purposes (EAP4) at The College;
 - 4.4.2 have studied for at least 10 weeks at The College; and
 - 4.4.3 have the highest overall grade in the EAP4 graduating cohort.
- 4.5 Award recipients will be presented with a certificate.

- 4.6 In exceptional circumstances where two outstanding students have the same overall highest grade in the EAP4 graduating cohort, The College will give two awards.

ELP Academic Endeavour Award

- 4.7 To be eligible for this award, the student must satisfy the following:
- 4.7.1 be eligible to graduate from an English program at a level lower than EAP5;
 - 4.7.2 have attendance above 90%;
 - 4.7.3 have submitted all assessment tasks and homework activities; and
 - 4.7.4 be recommended by their teacher for their diligent approach to their studies.
- 4.8 Award recipients will be presented with a certificate.
- 4.9 There will only be one Academic Endeavour Award per graduating cohort.
- 4.10 The recipient of this award may not be simultaneously awarded any other award.

APP Medal

- 4.11 The APP Medal is awarded to the student with the most outstanding academic achievement in the graduating cohort in a given academic calendar year.
- 4.12 Students enrolled in the following programs are eligible for The College APP Medal:
- 4.12.1 Diploma
 - 4.12.2 Associate Degree
 - 4.12.3 Undergraduate Preparation Program (Extended 2 Term)
- 4.13 To be eligible a student must have:
- 4.13.1 the highest, Grade Point Average (GPA) of all the APP students in the graduating cohort; and
 - 4.13.2 completed the program in minimum time.
- 4.14 The successful student must have a minimum GPA of 9.0 if graduating from an Undergraduate Preparation Program (Extended 2 Term), or 5.5 in other APP programs. Where no student is deemed to have met the criteria, the Medal will not be awarded.
- 4.15 If more than one student from the graduating cohort meets the criteria, multiple College APP Medals will be awarded.
- 4.16 The APP Medal will be engraved with the student's name and year of award.
- 4.17 In addition to the medal, the award of the APP Medal will be recognised by the awarding of a certificate and a small gift.

APP Inspiration Award

- 4.18 The purpose of the award is to recognise students who are deemed inspirational in their achievement, considering their academic achievement, their response to disadvantage, and their engagement with learning.
- 4.19 Up to three awards will be issued per program type per Academic Calendar.
- 4.20 Students enrolled in the following programs are eligible for the Inspiration Award:
 - 4.20.1 Undergraduate Preparation Program
 - 4.20.2 Diploma
 - 4.20.3 Associate Degree (ADE)
 - 4.20.4 Undergraduate Certificate (UC)
- 4.21 Teaching staff will be invited to nominate students for the Inspiration Award.
- 4.22 Award recipients will be presented with a certificate.

First in Program Award

- 4.23 This award is not awarded by campus, but by graduating program cohort.
- 4.24 The First in Program Award will be made in Diploma, Associate Degree, Undergraduate Preparation Programs and Undergraduate Certificate programs. The criteria for the award are:
 - 4.24.1 candidates must have the highest GPA in their program cohort in the relevant academic calendar year;
 - 4.24.2 the GPA must be 4 or above;
 - 4.24.3 candidates must have finished in minimum time; and
 - 4.24.4 for Diploma programs, the GPA calculation will be based only on the eight (8) University level subjects completed.
- 4.25 Award recipients will be presented with a certificate. The First in Program Award in Business will be named the 'Vlad Krajsic Award for First in Program in Business'.

Award for Academic Merit

- 4.26 The Academic Merit award will be given to candidates once per academic calendar year who are ranked second and third in the graduating program cohort and who have a GPA of 4 or above.
- 4.27 Award recipients will be presented with a certificate.

Award for Academic Endeavour

- 4.28 Three awards for Academic Endeavour will be awarded per program type (Diploma, UPP, Associate Degree and UC) per academic calendar.
- 4.29 The award will be given to candidates from a graduating program who have:
 - 4.29.1 displayed commendable academic progress and achievement;
 - 4.29.2 demonstrated diligence and participation in academic activities;
 - 4.29.3 submitted all assessment tasks;
 - 4.29.4 not been awarded any other award.
- 4.30 Teaching staff will be invited to nominate students for the Endeavour Award.
- 4.31 Award recipients will be presented with a certificate.

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Summary of Changes from Previous Version

Previous APP Academic Awards Policy and ELP Awards Policy have been combined to form a single Awards Policy.

A principles section has been added.

Awards for Associate Degree and Undergraduate Certificate have been added.

A procedure for identifying and confirming award winners will be developed by Support Services at The College and will be considered an associated document to accompany this Policy.