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.
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**

To be eligible for this award, the student must satisfy the following:

- be eligible to graduate from an English program at a level lower than EAP5;
- have attendance above 90%;
- have submitted all assessment tasks and homework activities; and
- be recommended by their teacher for their diligent approach to their studies.

Award recipients will be presented with a certificate.

There will only be one Academic Endeavour Award per graduating cohort.

The recipient of this award may not be simultaneously awarded any other award.

**APP Medal**

The APP Medal is awarded to the student with the most outstanding academic achievement in the graduating cohort in a given academic calendar year.

Students enrolled in the following programs are eligible for The College APP Medal:

- Diploma
- Associate Degree
- Undergraduate Preparation Program (Extended 2 Term)

To be eligible a student must have:

- the highest, Grade Point Average (GPA) of all the APP students in the graduating cohort; and
- completed the program in minimum time.

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.

If more than one student from the graduating cohort meets the criteria, multiple College APP Medals will be awarded.

The APP Medal will be engraved with the student's name and year of award.

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.