



James and Margaret Claffy Prize in Ophthalmology

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

- a. The James and Margaret Claffy Prize in Ophthalmology is awarded for the best essay on a topic set by the Discipline of Clinical Ophthalmology and Eye Health.
- b. This Prize was established in 1965 and funded by a gift from an anonymous donor.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- a. Applicants must be currently enrolled in the fourth year of the Doctor of Medicine program at the University of Sydney.
- b. Applicants must submit an original work* of 1,500-word essay on a topic set by the Discipline of Clinical Ophthalmology and Eye Health.

*Students are required to submit original work for this essay. While you may utilise automated writing tools and generative artificial intelligence to aid your learning and research, the primary content of your submission must be your own creation. You are expected to fully understand and articulate the material presented. Any use of AI tools must be clearly acknowledged and referenced in a declaration accompanying your essay. Failure to do so will be considered a breach of academic integrity. The declaration will not contribute to the final word count.

3. Selection Criteria

- a. The Prize will be awarded to the best essay.
- b. The recipient(s) will be determined by the Head of School and Dean of the Sydney Medical School, on the recommendation of the Head of the Discipline of Clinical Ophthalmology and Eye Health.

4. Value

- a. This Prize has a value of \$500 and will be paid as a one-off payment.
- b. In the event of two or more applicants being deemed to be of equal merit, the Prize may be shared.
- c. No other amount is payable.
- d. The Prize will be awarded subject to the availability of funds.

5. Termination



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- a. The University reserves the right to withdraw the Prize, if the University determines that the student is guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information that has a relationship to the awarding of this Prize.

- b. Once withdrawn the Prize will not be reinstated unless due to University error.