Sulway/Harris Prize for Excellence in Clinical Communication

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

a. The Sulway/Harris Prize for Excellence in Clinical Communication was established in 2016 by endocrinologist Dr Martyn Sulway and his colleague, Diabetes educator and registered nurse, Gillian Harris, to promote and encourage the development of professional communication skills, which are increasingly recognised as important for optimal patient care.

b. Dr Martyn Sulway recognised the importance of effective communication between health care professionals and patients and the positive impact it has on healthcare outcomes. In response, he sought to support and strengthen the teaching and assessment of communication skills within university medical education. The Prize aims to promote and encourage the development of professional communication skills, which in turn supports effective patient care, positive patient experiences, and professional wellbeing.

2. Eligibility Criteria

a. To be considered eligible for this Prize, student groups must be enrolled in the final year of a Doctor of Medicine (MD) program at the University of Sydney.

b. Application is voluntary, applicants nominate themselves at the start of the final year of the Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The Prize will be awarded based on a series of assessments submitted during the final year of the MD program, as well as the Sulway Harris Prize Event held at the end of the year, as outlined below:

I. Workbook ASSESSMENT: Document complex communication interactions with 5 different patients using the Workbook structure - Assessed by PMC staff.

II. Personal Statement ASSESSMENT: Personal statement about the value/impact of effective communication - Assessed by PMC staff

III. Role Play Exercise ASSESSMENT: Scenario creation and communications skill role plays with feedback (either face to face or online) - Assessed by PMC staff

IV. Event ASSESSMENT: 3 Finalists do live communications challenges to allocate the final prize order - Assessed by Event panel.

b. The Assessment Committee will comprise representatives from the Pam McLean Centre (PMC), the University of Sydney Faculty of Medicine and Health, and Health sector staff and patients, and will be chaired by the Director of Program Development, Pam McLean Centre.

c. The recipient(s) will be awarded by the members of the Assessment committee and representatives of the Sulway family, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

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4. Value

a. This Prize is awarded to the recipients of First, Second, Third and Fourth Prize and will be paid as a one-off payment in the following amounts:

I. First Prize: $2,500

II. Second Prize: $2,000

III. Third Prize: $1,500

IV. Fourth Prize: $1,000

b. The fourth prize will recognise the best workbook and/or personal statement written work and would be awarded to the relevant student only if they have not already been selected for, or received, either the First, Second or Third Prize.

c. No other amount is payable.

d. The Prize will be awarded subject to the availability of funds.

5. Ongoing Eligibility

a. None apply.

6. Termination

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.

7. Privacy

a. The University collects and uses Your personal information for the purpose of administering and maintaining Your prize, the University's processes and for making payments to You, in accordance with the University's business requirements and legal obligations. Further information about the collection and use of your personal information is outlined in the University's Scholarships Privacy Collection Notice.

b. As a receipt of a Prize funded by a donor, you agree that the University may disclose the following information to that third-party for stewardship purposes and in compliance with contractual arrangements, noting that no other information will be shared without your direct consent:

- Your first name;
- Your SID;
- the name of Your degree;
- whether You have met and/or continue to meet the Eligibility Requirements and Enrolment Requirements for Your Prize.