

Ben Sandford Cullen Award (Archaeology and Anthropology)

Terms and Conditions

1. Description

- a. The Ben Sandford Cullen Award (Archaeology and Anthropology) is to provide funds to enable post-graduate students whose research in Archaeology or Anthropology is theoretically innovative to be assisted with research, travel or publication expenses.
- b. The award was founded in 1996 by the colleagues, friends and family of Dr Ben Cullen, who suddenly and unexpectedly died aged 31, in 1995. This award is to commemorate Dr Ben Cullen's work in Archaeology.

2. Eligibility criteria

- a. Students must be enrolled in a Masters by Research (including MPhil) or PhD at the University of Sydney within:
 - I. Archaeology in odd-numbered years (e.g. 2021), and
 - II. Anthropology in even-numbered years (e.g. 2022).
- b. Students must have completed in the three previous calendar years at least one of the following:
 - I. a research article(s) in a refereed journal(s),
 - II. a refereed conference paper(s), or
 - III. book(s).

3. Selection criteria

- a. The award recipient will be selected based on:
 - I. prior academic merit,
 - II. publication merit as an innovative contribution to a relevant discipline,
 - III. letter of application, and
 - IV. curriculum vitae.
- b. The awards will be awarded annually by the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences on the recommendation of a committee which will comprise different staff members depending on the year of the award.
- c. In odd-numbered years the selection committee will include:
 - I. the Chair of Archaeology or their nominated delegate, and
 - II. at least two other academic staff members from Archaeology.

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- d. In even-numbered years the selection committee will include:
 - I. the Chair of Anthropology or their nominated delegate, and
 - II. at least two other academic staff members from Anthropology.
- e. If the committee is unable to make a final decision on the award winner the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences has the discretion to make a decision on the award winner.

4. Value

- a. This award has a value of \$2,000 and will be paid as a one off payment.
- b. No other amount is payable.
- c. Only one award will be awarded annually if a publication of sufficient merit as an innovative contribution to a relevant discipline is identified.
- d. The award will be awarded subject to the availability of funds.

5. Termination

- a. The University reserves the right to withdraw the award, 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 award.
- b. Once withdrawn the award will not be reinstated unless due to University error.

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