



## **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



### **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



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. 9 (g c)-11.5 (o)-13.5 (h)-13P2-9.



### **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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## STATUS AND DETAILS

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