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The Judyth Sachs PACE Prizes

2021 PRIZE CATEGORIES, CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

“Ngiyila” is a Dharug word that means ‘we all – together’ representing the University, students, industry, and community working together towards employability opportunities. We hope that these prizes will embody “Ngiyila” in line with the University’s commitment to Indigenous peoples.



These Prizes are generously funded by Professor Judyth Sachs, Emeritus Professor, Macquarie University and we thank Professor Sachs for her support of these Prizes.

OVERVIEW

These prizes are to recognise and celebrate students who have completed a work integrated learning activity (PACE) and developed their “work ready” employability skills in line with the University employability strategies. These prizes will recognise the three main stakeholders involved with the provision of work integrated learning activities - **students, staff and our industry partners**. These prizes aim to promote the benefits and impact work integrated learning activities can have on developing a students’ employability skills. These prizes aim to recognise the following:

- Students who can positively reflect on their work integrated learning activity and document their own personal development and achievements;
- Students that can demonstrate the development of new skills that will assist them in their future career which include “work ready” and soft skills;
- Students that have completed a work integrated learning activity that has had a positive impact on a Macquarie University partner organisation and the partner’s activities;
- Partner organisations that have worked with Macquarie University to promote, develop or support the employability skills of our students by the provision of work integrated learning activities on an ongoing basis.
- Staff who have played a pivotal role in the facilitating, promoting and supporting students to complete a work integrated learning activity including academic and professional staff.

PRIZES AND PRIZE CRITERIA

PACE FACULTY STUDENT PRIZES (4) \$2000 (INDIVIDUAL) OR \$4000 (MAXIMUM AMOUNT) FOR GROUP APPLICATIONS

The PACE Faculty Student Prize recognises a **student** or a **group of students** from each Faculty for their outstanding contribution during a work integrated learning activity. The recipients will be able to reflect on how the work integrated learning activity developed their employability skills and personal development by making a valuable contribution to the partner organisation and their activities.

Students can self-nominate for this prize.

CRITERIA

- The student(s) made an outstanding contribution to the Partner Organisation and/or the broader community through the work completed during the activity;
- The quality of the student’s reflection on how the activity improved their overall employability/work-ready skills; and
- How the activity personally contributed to the students’ preparedness for their future careers in line with their own personal career goals.

PACE STUDENT LEADERSHIP PRIZE (1) \$2000 - NEW

The PACE Student Leadership Prize recognises a student who has demonstrated and or gained leadership skills through the completion of a work integrated learning activity (PACE). The recipient would have co-ordinated a group of students and/ or held a leadership role/responsibilities during the work integrated learning activity. These skills include co-ordinating tasks to be completed, held a leadership role in the organisation including the management of projects/staff, managing communications, ensured the well-being of students in a group project and ensured the group performed well as a team during the work integrated learning activity.

Students can self-nominate for this prize.

CRITERIA

- Demonstrated outstanding leadership skills by managing or coordinating a group of students during a work integrated learning activity. These skills include co-ordinating tasks within the group ensuring timelines were achieved, demonstrating excellent communication skills and being a supportive leader to the group.

- Demonstrated outstanding leadership skills by managing a project and/or staff during a work integrated learning activity. These skills include managing staff effectively, successfully managing projects to achieve positive outcomes, utilising problem-solving skills, building relationships and providing overall leadership during the work integrated learning activity.

PACE STAFF PRIZE (1) \$1000 NEW

The PACE Staff Prize is to recognise outstanding staff achievement in the delivery and or support of work integrated learning activities. The recipient has supported student (s) to complete a work integrated learning activity. This could include an academic or a professional staff member that has supported and promoted a work integrated learning activity for students.

Staff and students are able to nominate a staff member for this prize.

CRITERIA

- Recognition for a staff member that has gone above and beyond to develop, support or promote a work integrated learning activity for students;
- Managing, fostering and supporting students regarding work integrated learning activities.

PACE PARTNER PRIZE (1) NON-MONETARY PRIZE

This prize is to recognise an industry, business or community partner who has made an outstanding contribution in working with Macquarie University to support work integrated learning activities.

Staff and students can nominate a PACE Partner organisation for this prize.

CRITERIA

- Recognition for an industry partner that has gone above and beyond to host a work integrated learning activity for students.
- Recognition for an industry partner that has supported students to develop their employability skills and understanding of the professional workplace.

GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible to apply for a prize, student (or a group of students) must meet the following criteria:

1. Have completed a **PACE unit** in 2021 which includes Session 1, Session 2, Session 3 (2021/2022)

Please note the following:

- Co-curricular students are not eligible to apply.
- Postgraduate students can apply if they have completed MRES7001 or a PACE activity with undergraduate students and the postgraduate unit is co-taught with an Undergraduate PACE unit.
- There are 4 PACE Faculty Student Prizes with one prize for each of the following faculties:
 - » Faculty of Arts
 - » Macquarie Business School
 - » Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences
 - » Faculty of Science and Engineering
- Students can self-nominate for the PACE Faculty Student Prize and the PACE Student Leadership Prize.
- Students and staff can nominate a Macquarie University staff member for the PACE Staff Prize.
- Students and staff can nominate a PACE Partner Organisation for the PACE Partner Prize.

HOW ARE PRIZE APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS ASSESSED?

- Prizes will be assessed based on the overall merit of applications/nominations received, the supporting evidence provided and how students and staff have addressed the prize criteria in their applications/nominations.
- Unit Convenors are required to endorse the PACE Faculty Student Prizes and the PACE Student Leadership Prize before they are submitted. It is the responsibility of students to obtain this and submit these endorsements at the time they submit their application.
- Endorsement by staff and / or other organisations are welcome for the other Prize categories and will need to be submitted at the time of application.

- Only **6 pages** of supporting documentation can be submitted to support applications/nominations which includes endorsements from staff, students and or partners. Please note applications/nominations with more than 6 pages of supporting documentation will not be shortlisted.
- Students are encouraged to utilise digital forms of communication to support their application in the form of a video, via their eportfolio, blog posts and or other digital forms of communication.
- **The Judyth Sachs Prizes Assessment Panel** is comprised of staff from Faculties, the Office of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching), current Macquarie students and other offices of the University.
- The Panel will review all applications and finalise the prize winners.
- Winners of the Judyth Sachs PACE Prizes will be notified in writing. PACE Prize winners will receive a certificate, prize money transferred to their chosen bank account and recognition on their academic transcripts/AHEGS (where applicable).
- Prizes may not be awarded in any year if there are no applications of any merit in a prize category.
- Applications of merit who are not successful may be recognised as *Highly Commended Finalists* as deemed by the **Judyth Sachs Prize Assessment Panel**.

HOW TO APPLY?

1. All applications and nominations will need to be submitted online via the weblinks below:
 - [PACE Faculty Student and PACE Student Leadership Prizes](#)
 - [PACE Staff and Partner Prizes](#)
2. All applications and nominations must have supporting documentation. The Faculty Student Prize and Student Leadership Prize must also have a letter of endorsement from the Unit Convenor. Any applications without this documentation will not be successful.
3. Students and staff will be required to complete the following to submit their application/nomination:
 - Complete the online application/nomination form.
 - Address the criteria for the relevant category; and
 - Submit no more than 6 pages of supporting documentation which includes endorsements.
4. The deadline for applications will be **Friday, 1 April 2022, 11.59pm**.
5. Late applications will not be accepted.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR APPLICATIONS.

TIMELINE

- **31 January 2022** – 2021 Judyth Sachs PACE Prizes open
- **1 April 2022, 11.59pm** – 2021 Judyth Sachs PACE Prizes close.
- **30 April 2022** – shortlisting of nominations and applications
- **Early June 2022** – Judyth Sachs PACE Prizes Assessment Panel meets
- **July 2022** – Event to celebrate 2021 Judyth Sachs PACE Prize Winners (TBC)

PRIVACY STATEMENT

All application information will be managed in accordance with the [Macquarie University Privacy Management Plan](#).

REVIEW OF THE JUDYTH SACHS PACE PRIZES

These prizes are reviewed on an annual basis. These guidelines may be amended from year to year.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Students should refer to the [Judyth Sachs Prizes](#) website for further information.

Enquiries should be directed to LTooperations@mq.edu.au