

ANNUAL REPORT ON PRIZES AND AWARDS – ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/17

1 LIST OF PRIZES AND AWARDS

Total of 500 approved prizes and awards. They are distributed as follows:

Faculty of Art, Design and the Built Environment	88
Faculty of Arts	43
Faculty of Computing and Engineering	77
Faculty of Life and Health Sciences	115
Faculty of Social Sciences	64
Ulster University Business School	106
University-wide prizes	7

2 NEW AND DISCONTINUED UNIVERSITY PRIZES AND AWARDS

During the academic year 34 new prizes and awards were introduced. They are distributed as follows:

Faculty of Art, Design and the Built Environment	9
Faculty of Computing and Engineering	1
Faculty of Life and Health Sciences	8
Faculty of Social Sciences	2
Ulster University Business School	12
University-wide prizes	2

During the academic year 15 prizes and awards were discontinued as follows:

Faculty of Art, Design and the Built Environment	3
Faculty of Life and Health Sciences	2
Faculty of Social Sciences	4
Ulster University Business School	6

3 UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

Awards madea) Business and Professional Women UK Limited Travelling Scholarship (£500)

Six submissions were received during academic year 2016/17. The scholarship was awarded to Ms Laura Campbell (Year 2, BSc Hons Occupational Therapy).

The award was made to Ms Campbell to assist with the cost of travel to Bachninh, near Hanoi, Vietnam, to take part in a programme helping children and young people aged between 10 and 18 years who are addicted to online gaming to make positive changes in their lives. As a volunteer, Ms Campbell would be teaching English to students.

b) First Trust Bank Convocation Student of the Year Award (£500)

The First Trust Bank Convocation Student of the Year Award is presented annually to a student who has demonstrated significant personal achievement or substantial contribution to the life of the University, its students or the community.

The 2016/17 award was made to Mr Luke Marshall, (Year 2, BSc Hons Sport and Exercise Science) in recognition of his support for people with disabilities and his work in enabling them to take part in sporting activity. Mr Marshall currently represents Northern Ireland in the Knights Wheelchair basketball team. During the course of his time at Ulster University, his contribution to providing wheelchair basketball to students has been vital. His determined and enthusiastic approach has provided opportunities for people of all abilities to get involved in team sport, not solely for a healthy lifestyle, but also to encourage social inclusion.

In his second year at Ulster, Mr Marshall received Vice-Chancellor's funding which he used to pay for 10 sports chairs. He also recruited a team to take part in the British Wheelchair Basketball University Championships where they reached the final. Mr Marshall plans, with the help of the University's basketball development assistant, to deliver wheelchair basketball from September 2017 and to enter the competition again in 2018.

Mr Marshall was shortlisted in the 'Volunteer/Voluntary Project of the Year' category at Ulster University Students' Union Sporting Excellence Awards. Again showing outstanding commitment, he also volunteers with Ulster Sports Outreach on the eHoops and SportABILITY programme, working with young people with mild to moderate intellectual and/or physical disabilities.

c) Findlater Award in Social Studies (£300)

Four submissions were received during academic year 2016/17. The prize was awarded to Ms Heather McVey (Year 3, BSc Hons Social Policy) for her dissertation entitled, 'Exploring xenophobic attitudes: What makes Muslims the ultimate 'others'? The role of interests, identities and information'.

d) Greer Garson Film Award (£500)

Four submissions were received during academic year 2016/17. The prize was awarded to Mr John Monahan (Year 3, BA Hons Media Studies and Production) for his black comedy short film entitled, 'Death Benefit'.

e) Greer Garson Theatre Award (£500)

No submissions were received during academic year 2016/17.

f) McCrea Literary Award (£500)

Two submissions were received during academic years 2015/16 and 2016/17. The prize was awarded to Ms Nuala McAllister Hart, an Ulster alumnus, for her

biography of the celebrated Irish tenor, Josef Locke, entitled, 'Josef Locke, The People's Tenor'.

4 PUBLICISING PRIZES

The following action is taken to publicise awareness of University-wide awards among staff and students:

- (i) posters are forwarded for display to:
 - Faculties and Schools
 - Students' Union
 - University libraries
 - University Career Development Centre
- (ii) information is posted on:
 - Campus reception screens
 - Academic Office website: www.ulster.ac.uk/academicoffice/prizes.html
- (iii) information is included in the University's online student handbook, the Student Guide;
- (iv) information is included in a global email to all students;
- (v) a link is available to the prizes webpage on the Student Portal;
- (vi) in regard to the McCrea Literary Award, which is open to graduates and honorary graduates of the University, information is forwarded to the Alumni Office for publication.

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