

## UWSCollege Academic Awards Policy

UWSCollege wishes to recognise both academic excellence and academic endeavour. To that end the College has instituted a number of awards:

- The **UWSCollege Medal**;
- The **UWSCollege Academic Excellence Awards**;
- The **UWSCollege Academic Endeavour Awards**.

These awards will be made three times per year at the graduation ceremony at the end of each semester.

### Criteria for the Award of the UWSCollege Medal and Academic Awards

#### UWSCollege Medal

- (1) The following criteria will be applied a maximum of three times per calendar year for the total number of eligible graduating students, in the Diploma and Foundation Studies courses.
- (2) To be eligible the student must have completed:
  - (a) a **UWSCollege Diploma or Foundation Studies Course**;
  - (b) have studied for at least one semester at **UWSCollege**; and
  - (c) have the highest Grade Point Average (GPA) of the completing College students in the graduating cohort.
- (3) At the end of each term, the relevant completing Diploma and University Foundation Studies cohorts will have their results finalised and published by OAR. A list will then be generated by **UWSCollege Academic Administration**, showing the Grade Point Averages of all completing graduating students.
- (4) The College medals will be awarded to the students with the most outstanding academic achievement in the Diploma Program and in the University Foundation Studies Program. The students must have a minimum GPA of 5.8 if a Diploma student or 9.3 if a Foundation Studies student.
- (5) Where no student is deemed to have met this criteria then the Medal will not be awarded.
- (6) In exceptional circumstances of two outstanding students in either Program the College may choose to award two Medals.
- (7) Each College Medal will be engraved with the student's name and year of award.
- (8) In addition to the medal, the Award of the **UWSCollege Medal** will be recognised by the awarding of a certificate and a small gift.

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- (9) The Manager, Academic Pathway Programs will advise the student that they have been awarded the College Medal and that it will be presented at the **UWSC** College graduation ceremony.

## **Academic Awards**

### **Criteria for Recognition on the College Merit Lists: First in Course; Academic Merit; Academic Endeavour Awards.**

- (10) To be eligible, the student must be enrolled in a course offered by the College.

**First in Course Awards** will be made in both Diploma and University Foundation Studies Programs. In determining the recipients of each award:

- Candidates must have the highest GPA in their course.
- In the Diploma Program awards will be made in each Diploma with students enrolled in the 2 semester and 3 semester courses being treated as one cohort. The GPA calculation will be based on the 8 university level subjects completed.
- In the University Foundation Studies Program awards will be made in each of the following four University Foundation Studies areas: Arts; Business; Computing/Science; Nursing. For the purposes of awarding First in Course students enrolled in the same stream in University Foundation Studies 1 semester and University Foundation Studies 2 semester courses will be treated as one cohort.

**Award of Academic Merit**, a candidate must have achieved:

- a meritorious grade point average of 5.0 for Diploma students and 8.5 for University Foundation Studies students.
- ranked among the top three performers.

**Award of Academic Endeavour**, a candidate must have achieved:

- commendable academic progress and achievement, diligence and participation in academic activities.
- listed among the top three performers in order of attendance level for those above 80% and matched to those students who have submitted all assessment tasks and homework activities.

- (11) The number of Academic Merit and Academic Endeavour awards will be a maximum of 3 per category per program.
- (12) Recommendations will be made by the College Assessment and Progression Committee and endorsed by the Manager, Academic Pathway Programs.
- (13) All documentation relating to recommendations, including College Education Assessment and Progression Committee minutes, must be accompanied by an endorsement from the Manager, Academic Pathway Programs.

It is anticipated that as the College grows, this suite of awards will also be increased.

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