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The Committee is asked to confirm Chair's action in approving

(1) New Prizes and Scholarships and amendments to existing ones (Document 1)

Charlie Dimont Scholarship
The Justin Graham Prize
Norwich Law Alumni Book Prizes
Prize for Distinguished Performance in the Science Foundation Year Assessment
Faculty of Science Prizes
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(2) Agreement with Lowestoft College: BSc Science with a Foundation Year (Document 2)

(3) The award of Certificate and Diploma in Continuing Education (with named pathways)

Document 1

The Charlie Dimont Scholarship

1. There shall be a Scholarship to be known as the Charlie Dimont Scholarship. The purpose of the Scholarship is to enable a student to study a Taught Masters course in the Schools of: American Studies; Film and Television Studies; Language and Communication Studies; Philosophy; or Political, Social and International Studies.
2. The first Scholarship will be awarded in September 2011 and thereafter in each academic session up to and including 2013/14.
3. In the first year the Scholarship will be awarded to a student in the School of American Studies and in subsequent years it will be offered to a student registered in one of the following Schools: Film and Television Studies, Language and Communication Studies, Political, Social and International Studies or Philosophy.
4. The value of each Scholarship is £2,500 which will be a reduction against tuition fees.
5. All students who have received either an unconditional or conditional offer for a place on a relevant course are eligible to be considered for this award which will become payable on completion of registration of the successful candidate.
6. The Schools listed in regulation 2) above (commencing with the School of American Studies in 2011-12) will compile a shortlist of their top three applicants based on previous academic achievement.
7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on the recommendation of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities Postgraduate Funding Panel. The Panel will consider the Schools' shortlists using a points-based assessment system (the School of American Studies only in 2011-12).
8. In the event that two or more candidates are deemed to be of equal and sufficient merit, the Scholarship shall not be divided and the Selection Panel will decide upon the recommended winner based upon interviews with each candidate.
9. If in any year, no candidate is judged to be of sufficient merit, the Scholarship shall not be awarded. No person will be awarded a Scholarship more than once.
10. The winning student shall be required to attend an event for publicity purposes and shall submit a report to the donor at the end of their course, via the Development and Campaigns Office, detailing their academic progress at UEA.
11. The recipient of the Scholarship shall not be permitted to hold any other UEA Scholarships at the same time.

The Justin Graham Prize

1. There shall be a Prize awarded annually in the School of International Development to be known as the Justin Graham Prize.
2. This Prize is open to all candidates registered for the Sub-Saharan African Development module.
3. The value of the Prize shall be £100.
4. The Prize shall be awarded to the candidate who achieves the overall highest mark in the essay for the Sub-Saharan African Development module.
5. In the event that two or more candidates achieve the same mark, the Prize shall be equally divided.
6. If no candidate is judged to be of sufficient merit, the Prize shall not be awarded.

Norwich Law School Alumni Book Prizes

1. There shall be Prizes awarded annually to be known as the Norwich Law School Alumni Book Prizes, which will be funded by The Norwich Law School Alumni Book Fund.
2. The purpose of The Norwich Law School Alumni Book Prize is to contribute towards the cost of books required for an undergraduate degree course offered by the School of Law.
3. Students ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom who are eligible to pay fees at the Home/EU rate, who come from a household where the total household income is less than £25,000 in accordance with the documents provided to the LEA and who are registered in the School of Law are eligible to be considered for this Prize.
4. The value of the Prize shall be £100 per year for a maximum of three years to each eligible student, subject to satisfactory progress in accordance with regulation 6 below.
5. The first Prizes will be awarded in September 2011. Students in Years 2 and 3 are immediately eligible to apply with Year 1 students becoming eligible in the second semester of their first year.
6. Students who are performing at the 2.1 and above level and who have seminar attendance at 80% or higher are eligible for the Prizes. Students in Years 2 and 3 will be judged on their previous year's performance and those in Year 1 will be judged on their performance in the first semester.
7. The Prizes will be awarded by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on the recommendation of the School of Law based on information from the School of Law and the documents provided to the LEA.
8. The Prize recipients will be required to attend an event for publicity purposes.

9. The Prize recipients will also be required to produce a report on their studies for the Fund donors, via the Development and Campaigns team, at the end of their three-year course.

Prize for Distinguished Performance in the Science Foundation Year Assessment

One annual prize of £75 is awarded for distinguished performance in the Foundation Year Assessment.

Rules

The following prize may be awarded annually in the School of Computing Sciences:

1. One prize of £75 for distinguished performance in the Foundation Year Assessment:

The prize shall be awarded on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners concerned. If in any year no candidate is judged to be of sufficient merit in one of this category, no prize shall be awarded; if two or more candidates are deemed to be of equal merit, the prize shall be divided or an additional prize awarded.

Faculty of Science Prizes

1. There shall be two prizes awarded annually in the Faculty of Science both to be known as the Faculty of Science Prize.
2. The value of each prize shall be £100.00 and shall be awarded by the Faculty School of Science on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners for Natural Sciences.
3. The prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the Board of Examiners for distinguished performance in the Final Assessment of a) the BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences or the BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences with a Year in Australasia or the BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences with a Year in Europe or the BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences with a Year in North America or the BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences with a Year in Industry; and b) the MNatSci Natural Science.
4. If two or more candidates are judged to be of equal and sufficient merit, the prizes may be divided.
5. If in any year no candidates are judged to be of sufficient merit, the prizes shall not be awarded.

The Ink Sweat & Tears Poetry Writing Scholarship

1. There shall be an annual Scholarship to be known as The Ink Sweat & Tears Poetry Writing Scholarship. The purpose of the Scholarship is to enable a student to study the MA Creative Writing: Poetry postgraduate degree course offered by the School of Literature and Creative Writing.
2. The Scholarship is open to existing University of East Anglia (UEA) students who wish to continue their postgraduate academic study at UEA. Students who successfully completed their undergraduate studies at UEA and who have taken a break before applying for the MA are also eligible.
3. The Scholarship shall contribute to the recipient's full course fees at the home/EU rate for a 12 month period.
4. The first Scholarship will be awarded in September 2011. One new Scholarship will be available each year until 2013/14. The Scholarship will become payable on completion of registration of the successful student.
5. Details of The Ink Sweat & Tears Poetry Writing Scholarship will be publicised to all eligible students with appropriate information on selection criteria (see below), application timescales and value of award.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Deans for Research and for Learning, Teaching and Quality in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and the Director and Admissions Officer of the MA Creative Writing: Poetry course.
7. In the event that there are two or more candidates who are deemed to be of equal merit, the Scholarship shall not be divided and the Selection Committee will decide upon the winner based upon interviews with each candidate.
8. If in any year, no candidate is judged to be of sufficient merit, the Scholarship shall not be awarded. No person will be awarded a Scholarship more than once.

SELECTION CRITERIA (see rule 5 above):

1. Exceptional poetic potential.
2. Evidence of commitment to development as a poet.
3. Evidence of active engagement with the world of poetry.
4. Evidence that the student is at the right stage in their poetic development to receive optimum benefit from their MA studies.
5. Evidence of self-motivation, determination and an active approach to establishing and developing a life as a poet.

Document 2

AGREEMENT WITH LOWESTOFT COLLEGE: BSc SCIENCE WITH A FOUNDATION YEAR

Issue

Confirmation of Chair's Action taken regarding the agreement with Lowestoft College for the BSc Science with a Foundation Year. The Chair confirmed the termination of the agreement with Lowestoft College for the BSc Science with a Foundation Year from the end of the 2011-12 academic year. The last cohort progressing to UEA will be in autumn 2012.

Further Information

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Background

The BSc Science with Foundation Year runs at UEA and feeds students from this year 0 course into the generic Science course and year 1 of a number of other science and computing related courses.

A small quota of UEA student numbers (25) has been allocated for students to take the Foundation year at Lowestoft College before progressing to UEA if successful.

Discussion

The agreement with the College to run the course on a franchise basis expires at the end of 2011-12 and, following a review of the arrangement and the performance of ex-Lowestoft students at UEA by the Faculty of Science, it was proposed that the agreement should not be renewed. A formal note to this effect from the Associate Dean (LTQ) along with an analysis of student performance in recent years has been received. The analysis shows that, after joining the relevant course in Norwich, 61% of students on the computing stream and 53% on the science stream withdrew before the end of the course.

The decision also reflects the strategic priorities of the University and the impact of the introduction of increased tuition fees on demand for the course.

Care will be taken to ensure that the remaining cohort of students is able to complete the course and progress to UEA as usual. Running out arrangements will be monitored by the Partnerships Office via the regular course committee.