

**Title:** Faculty of Social Sciences – PGR Student Prizes  
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### **Issue**

The Faculty of Social Sciences Student Forum approached the Associate Dean and Postgraduate Research Officer with the proposal that the Faculty of Social Sciences should investigate the possibility of awarding prizes on an annual basis, similar to those awarded within the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

Meetings have taken place between student representatives and the Associate Dean to discuss the process for this and advice has been sought from the Faculty of Arts and Humanities in regards to the structure of their awards scheme.

The terms and conditions have been discussed at the Social Sciences Graduate School Executive and approved subject to some amendments. These amendments have now been agreed and signed off through Chair's action.

### **Recommendations**

The Learning and Teaching Committee is asked to agree the following recommendations:

1. That the Faculty of Social Sciences be allowed to award the following prizes from 2013/4:
  - Faculty of Social Sciences: Prize for Excellence in Teaching
  - Faculty of Social Sciences: Prize for Best Paper
  - Faculty of Social Sciences: Prize for Public Engagement
  - Faculty of Social Sciences: Peer Nominated Award for Outstanding Contribution to the PGR Community by a Postgraduate Research Student
2. That the terms and conditions and selection criteria attached be approved.

### **Resource Implications**

The funding for the prizes will be provided by the Faculty of Social Sciences. This has been discussed with Professor Jacqueline Collier.

Resource to administer the prizes will come from the Social Sciences Faculty Office through the administrative support provided for the Associate Dean and Skills Coordinator.

### **Risk Implications**

There are no risk implications.

### **Equality and Diversity**

There are no specific issues affecting groups of students with protected characteristics.

### **Timing of decisions**

A decision is required from the March 2014 Learning and Teaching Committee to allow prizes to be awarded in 2014.

### **Further Information**

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