

# Prizes and Scholarships Ceremony 2025



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# Congratulations from the Dean

The achievements of our prize and scholarship recipients are an inspiring reminder of the exceptional community to which we belong.

To our awardees, I give my congratulations. Your successes are well deserved and a reflection of your dedication and hard work. These awards are a genuine sign of recognition and encouragement from the ANU Law School and some of the most influential members of the legal profession.

To the families of our awardees, we share your pride. We are fortunate to count these students as members of our College community and we value the time they spend with us. Upon the completion of their studies, we hope they will continue to stay in touch and play an active role in our alumni community.

Our prizes and scholarships are generously donated by members of a wider community: ANU alumni and colleagues from the legal profession and beyond. I thank you for supporting these remarkable students and join everyone in celebrating their achievements.

**Professor Anthony Connolly**  
Dean of ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy



# Order of Proceedings

## Welcome

**Professor Anthony Connolly**  
Dean, ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy

## Presentation of Awards

**Associate Professor Ryan Goss**  
Head of School, ANU Law School

**Nicole King**  
College Student and Education Support Senior Manager  
ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy

## Recipient remarks

**Sebastian Braham**  
2024 recipient, Blackburn Medal for Research in Law

## Academic remarks

**Professor Pauline Ridge**  
ANU Law School

## Refreshments

Lotus Auditorium Foyer

# 2024 Prize Recipients

Recipients of a Law Prize in recognition of outstanding performance, academic achievement, leadership and contribution to University life.

## **ACT Director of Public Prosecutions Prize for Criminal Law**

Lincoln Bland
Luke McNamara

## **Aileen Moreton-Robinson Indigenous Student Prize**

Max Michael Farinazzo
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## **Ann Downer Memorial Prize in Law**

Grace Rodsjo
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## **Anthony McAvoy SC Prize for Legal Education for True Justice**

Matilda Lugg
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## **Australian Capital Territory Bar Association Prize for Evidence**

Matthew Foster
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## **Bailey Prize for Human Rights**

Victoria Vassallo
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**Baker McKenzie Prize for Intellectual Property**

David Henry Palmerlee

Kira Patel

**Clayton Utz Prize for Torts**

Francesca Boardman

Tom Vercoe

**Daphne Olive Memorial Prize for Legal Theory**

Grace Rodjso

**David Healey Solicitors Prize for Litigation and Dispute Management**

Marlow Meares

**Energy and Resources Law Association Prize for Environmental Law**

E Wen Wong

**Jack Richardson Prize**

Alexandra Bako

Jake Fitzgerald

**Jason Li Lawyers Prize for Legal Research and Writing in Law**

Ella Douglas



**King & Wood Mallesons Prize for Lawyers, Justice and Ethics**

Piper Carter-Williams

**Maree Ayers Prize for International Criminal Law**

Grace James

**Meyer Vandenberg Prize for Property Law**

Dimitrios Bezos

Tiffany He

**Mick Dodson Prize for Indigenous Peoples and the Law**

Kate Aston

**Minter Ellison Prize for Foundations of Australian Law**

Matilda Jenkins

**Myint Zan Prize for Law Studies**

Hannah Vardy

**Peggy & Stephen Tsang Prize**

Henri Vickers

**Sir George Knowles Memorial Prize**

Marlow Meares

**Sparke Helmore Prize for Commonwealth Constitutional Law**

William Vuckovic

**Dean's International Student Prize**

Shashwat Tripathi

**Dean's Juris Doctor Prize**

Brigid O'Farrell-White

**Dean's Prize for Outstanding Achievement in a Masters Program in Law**

Catherine Pemberton

Hayley Turner

Nicole Balkhuysen

**Blackburn Medal for Research in Law**

Hamish McKinnon

Sebastian Braham

# David Henry Palmerlee, University Medal and Tillyard Love Prize Recipient



## Henry is the recipient of the ANU University Medal, Tillyard Prize and the Baker McKenzie Prize for Intellectual Property

Henry has been recognised for his outstanding academic achievements, receiving the prestigious University Medal, Tillyard Prize, and the Baker McKenzie Prize for Intellectual Property. Reflecting on these accolades, Henry expresses a deep sense of gratitude. He acknowledges the fortunate circumstances that have supported his journey — his education, health, and opportunities — and sees these awards as a reflection of the privilege he has been able to pay forward. Through his involvement in university life and the Regional Education Support Network (RESN), he has sought to make a meaningful impact, encouraging students to find their own ways to contribute to causes that matter to them.

Drawn to the diverse and nationally representative student body, Henry chose to study at the Australian National University (ANU) for its unique environment. Coming from Sydney, he was eager to learn alongside peers from all over the country. Receiving a Tuckwell Scholarship further enabled him to pursue his studies away from home, an opportunity that played a pivotal role in shaping his university experience.



Among Henry's most cherished experiences at ANU Law School are the friendships he has formed. He describes the Law School as a place brimming with bright, engaging individuals, many of whom have become his closest friends. Academically, he found particular joy in the school's public law electives, which allowed him to explore and deepen his interests in public law and governance. Henry attributes much of his intellectual growth to the mentorship and guidance of ANU esteemed academics. Ron Levy introduced him to constitutional theory and deliberative democracy, profoundly shaping his perspectives. His Honours thesis supervisor, Leighton McDonald, played a crucial role in his development as a scholar and political philosopher, providing invaluable support over a single semester of supervision. Additionally, Kieran Pender left a lasting impression, demonstrating how the law can be a powerful tool for justice and advocacy.

Like many students of his cohort, Henry faced the unique challenge of studying during the COVID-19 pandemic. Completing his first two years amidst lockdowns and online learning was no easy feat, but the support of his peers made a significant difference. Sharing the experience with friends helped ease the difficulties of isolation. Even the challenge of a week-long lockdown in his college room had a silver lining — three meals a day delivered as room service!

Henry's key piece of advice for future law students is simple: don't let law school consume your entire life. He firmly believes that it is possible to excel academically while also enjoying the broader university experience. Engaging in extracurricular activities, hobbies, and social events not only enriches university life but also contributes to better academic performance and overall wellbeing.

Now a graduate, Henry is enjoying some well-deserved time off. The first half of 2025 has been dedicated to travel and visiting family before he embarks on the next phase of his career as a Tipstaff at the New South Wales Court of Appeal. This exciting opportunity marks the beginning of what promises to be a distinguished legal career.

# Scholarships and Travel Grants

Recipients of an award selected for their academic excellence, and enrolment into a Law program or an internship, fellowship or placement with one of our partners.

## ANU College of Law Access Scholarship

Avery Benbow

Bella Freeman

Chinelo Chiezey

## ANU College of Law International Excellence Scholarship

Jhoana Mutiangpili

## ANU College of Law International Partners Scholarship

Aneesa Zeb

Lan Ngoc Pham

Natcha Wattanapoonchai



#### ANU Law Careers and Employability Travel Grant

Adelaide Hayes	Isabelle Nimorakiotakis
Aidan Harris	Lachlan Macfarlan
Allegra Holmes a Court	Laura Fox
Amanda Wingett	Liuqing Zhao
Andrew Byrnes	Lola Hutchinson
Avital Gottheiner	Matthew Box
Bria Larkspur	Neha Kalele
Callum Lindsay-Smith	Nikki Wade
Catherine Pemberton	Olivia Milne
Chelsea Kenneally	Rosie Bendo
Claire Stephens	Sebastian King
Eja Collins	Selena Wania
Georgie Forrest	Ting Lei
Grace Hefferan	Victoria Arter
Han Xuan Ngoc Do	Wangshu Ma
Isabelle Homan-Corless	Xiaoyu Tan



**Chris and Kerry Marks Travel Grant**

Delilah Isherwood Critchley

Siqi Wang

Sarah Wilson

Sung Hoon Lim

**Freilich Indigenous Student Scholarship in Law**

Robert Scott

**Frohlich World Bank Travel Grant**

Matthew Snibson

**Haydn Marsh Memorial Scholarship in Family Law**

Hannah Gibson

**Leslie Zines Constitutional Law Travel Grant**

Olivia Craig

**Littleton Groom Memorial Award**

Han Do

**Phillipa Weeks Scholarship in Law**

Josephine O'Baoill

**Travel Grant for a Legal Internship in London (IBA)**

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