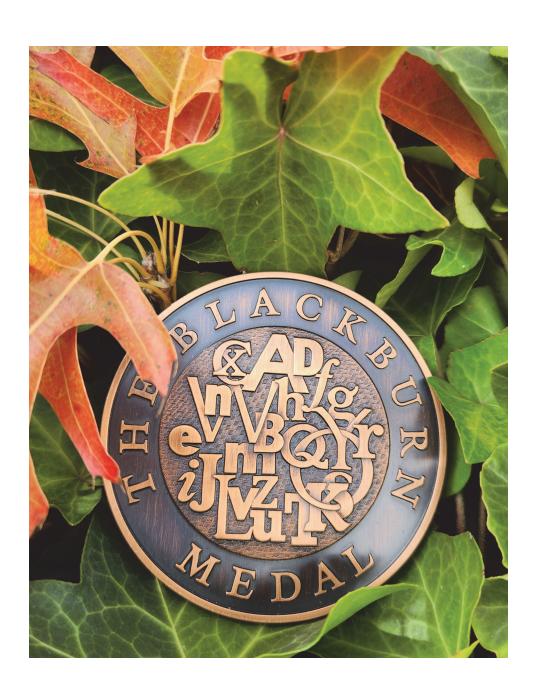
Prizes and Scholarships Ceremony 2025





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			
Ann Downer Memorial Prize in Law			
Grace Rodsjo			
Anthony McAvoy SC Prize for Legal Education for True Justice			
Matilda Lugg			
Australian Capital Territory Bar Association Prize for Evidence			
Matthew Foster			
Bailey Prize for Human Rights			
Victoria Vassallo			

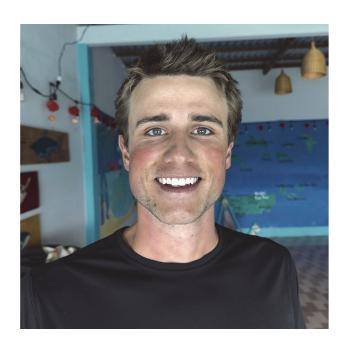
Baker McKenzie Prize for Intellectual Property			
David Henry Palmerlee			
Kira Patel			
Clayton Utz Prize for Torts			
Francesca Boardman			
Tom Vercoe			
Daphne Olive Memorial Prize for Legal Theory			
Grace Rodjso			
David Healey Solicitors Prize for Litigation and Dispute Management			
Marlow Meares			
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			

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

Sparke Helmore Prize for Commonwealth Constitutional Law

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	Liujing 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	

C	Chris and Kerryn 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

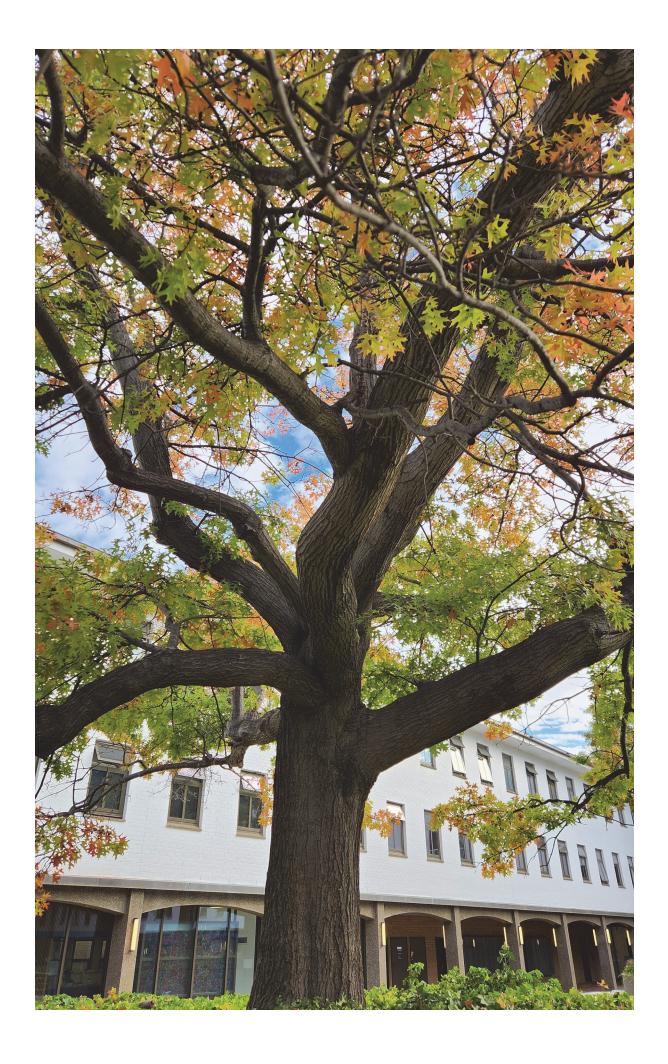
Han Do

Phillipa Weeks Scholarship in Law

Josephine O'Baoill

Travel Grant for a Legal Internship in London (IBA)

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