

UTR1.223 - THE CHARLES RISCHBIETH JURY POETRY PRIZE

Background –

- A. By Deed of Gift dated 6 August 2018 Dr Barbara Wall donated \$25,000 to the University to support prize(s) at the University.
- B. Dr Barbara Wall was a student and friend of Charles Rischbieth Jury (1893 - 1958), as well as being his literary executor. Charles Rischbieth Jury was a poet, dramatist, scholar, soldier, and Jury Professor of English at the University of Adelaide.
- C. This is an endowed prize with the capital held in the University's Endowment Fund and the income distribution each year used to fund the prize.
- D. The University accepted the donation upon the trusts specified by the donor and the donation therefore became the capital subject to those trusts ('capital sum').

Name of the fund

1. The capital sum, all income arising from the capital sum and any accumulations and additions thereto together form a fund called 'The Charles Rischbieth Jury Poetry Prize' ('fund').

Investment of the fund

2. The fund is to be amalgamated for the purposes of investment, and held in a common fund, and the net income earned by the common fund shall be credited, rateably, to the funds so amalgamated and thereafter distributed according to the trusts specified by the donor.

Obligations

3. In administering the fund, the University must adhere to the terms specified and is obliged:-
 - (a) to invest the capital sum according to the directions of the donors; and
 - (b) to establish and maintain in perpetuity a prize in the manner described in the following Rules.

Rules

Value

The value of the Prize is \$1,250.00 per year or such other amount as the University shall from time to time determine provided that the value of the prize does not exceed the annual distribution of interest available from the Endowment Fund.

Eligibility

The prize is awarded by the University annually on 31 July (with applications closing 1 June) and is open to anyone residing within Australia who submits a poem in English of not greater than 5 A4 typed or hand-written pages in length (double spaced).

Selection of Candidate

The Prize will be awarded to the applicant who submits the best poem as judged by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall include:-

- the Jury Chair of English Language and Literature (Chair);
- an academic staff member from the department of English who teaches poetry (as nominated by the Chair); and
- a suitably qualified community poet resident in Australia invited to serve for a one year term without remuneration (as nominated by the Chair) .

If there is no candidate of sufficient merit in any given year then the prize will not be awarded in that year and the available distribution of interest may be used in subsequent years.

If there is more than one candidate of equal merit, then the prize may be shared equally.

Variations

The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and policies.