The 2023 Professor Judyth Sachs PACE Prizes

PRIZE CATEGORIES, CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

These Prizes are generously funded by Emeritus Professor Judyth Sachs, former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at Macquarie University and we thank her for her support of these prizes.

OVERVIEW

The PACE Prizes recognise and celebrate students who have completed a work integrated learning activity in the context of their PACE unit (Professional and Community Engagement) and have developed their "work ready" employability skills in line with the University employability strategies. These prizes will recognise the three main stakeholders involved with the provision of work integrated learning activities - **students, staff and our industry partners**. These prizes aim to promote the benefits and impact work integrated learning activities has on developing a students' employability skills and confidence as they transition to work. These prizes aim to recognise the following:

- Students who can positively reflect on their work integrated learning activity and document their own professional development and achievements;
- Students that can demonstrate the development of new skills that will assist them in their future career - both technical and employability skills;
- Students that have completed a work integrated learning activity that has had a positive impact on a Macquarie University partner organisation and the partner's activities;
- Partner organisations who have gone above and beyond to work with Macquarie University to promote, develop or support the employability skills of our students by providing work integrated learning activities on an ongoing basis;
- Staff who have played a pivotal role in the facilitating, promoting and supporting students to complete a work integrated learning activity, including academic and professional staff.

KEY DATES

APPLICATION PROCESS	KEY DATES
Judyth Sachs PACE Prize Applications **OPEN**	Monday, 10 July 2023
Judyth Sachs PACE Prize Applications **CLOSE**	Sunday, 11 February 2024, 11:59pm
CEREMONY	
Prize Ceremony	TBC

PRIZE CATEGORIES AND PRIZE MONEY

PACE PRIZE CATEGORIES	NO. OF PRIZES	2023 PRIZE
1. Faculty Student Prize *	4 Prizes (1 per Faculty)	$2,000 (Individual), $4,000 (Max. for group)
2. Student Leadership Prize *	1 Prize	$2,000
3. Staff Prize **	1 Prize	$1,000
4. Partner Prize	1 Prize	Non-monetary prize

* Student Prize

Any PACE Student Prize and Leadership Prize payments will be paid in accordance with Macquarie University's finance guidelines and procedures.

** Staff Prize

Any recipient of a Staff Prize who is no longer employed by the University at the time of the announcement of the prizes will not be entitled to a prize.

Staff Prize money must be used to provide additional resources:

- for professional learning/capability enhancement
- to support teaching enhancement activities, and/or
- to disseminate best practice(s) in learning and teaching.

All expenditure associated with this prize money needs to be in accordance with Macquarie University's finance guidelines and procedures and must be fully expended by 31 December 2024.

PRIZES AND PRIZE CRITERIA

PACE FACULTY STUDENT PRIZES

The **PACE Faculty Student Prize** recognises **a student** or a **group of students** from each Faculty for their outstanding contribution during a PACE work integrated learning activity. The recipient(s) will be able to reflect on how the work integrated learning activity developed their employability skills and professional development by making a valuable contribution to the partner organisation and their activities.

Students can self-nominate for this prize.

CRITERIA (250 word limit per criteria)

- The student(s) made an outstanding contribution to the partner organisation and/or the broader community during the activity; and
- The quality of the student's reflection on how the activity improved their overall employability/work-ready skills; and
- How the activity personally contributed to the students' preparedness for their future careers in line with their own personal career goals.

PACE STUDENT LEADERSHIP PRIZE

The **PACE Student Leadership Prize** recognises a student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills through the completion of a PACE work integrated learning activity – either as part of a student group project or by taking a leadership role in their host organisation.

Leadership may be demonstrated through tasks and behaviours such as coordinating the delivery/implementation of projects to meet or exceed expectations, organising, delegating and managing deadlines, effectively communicating with peers and stakeholders, ability to resolve conflicts or difficult situations, supporting the wellbeing of other students, showing initiative and problem-solving skills, and motivating, coaching or providing feedback to ensure the project group performs well.

Students can self-nominate for this prize (as a leader in the student group or project leader in the workplace).

CRITERIA (250 word limit per criteria)

- Outstanding leadership skills as demonstrated by evidence of at least two key tasks and behaviours; and
- Outstanding leadership skills as demonstrated by personal reflection on their growth and achievements as a leader; and
- Outstanding leadership skills as demonstrated by evidence of stakeholder support from the peers, the host organisation and/or academic.

PACE STAFF PRIZE

The **PACE Staff Prize** recognises outstanding staff achievement in the delivery and/or support of PACE work integrated learning activities. The recipient would have supported student(s) and PACE partner(s) to complete a meaningful PACE work integrated learning activity. This could include an academic or a professional staff member that has supported and promoted a PACE work integrated learning activity for students.

Nominations for this prize are accepted from Macquarie University staff, students and industry partners only. Staff members cannot self-nominate.

CRITERIA (250 word limit per criteria)

- Recognition for a staff member that has gone above and beyond to develop, support or promote a PACE work integrated learning activity for students;
- Managing, fostering and supporting students regarding PACE work integrated learning activities in line with the University's Employability Strategy and Framework.

PACE PARTNER PRIZE

The **PACE Partner Prize** recognises an industry, business or community partner who has made an outstanding contribution in working with Macquarie University to support PACE work integrated learning activities.

Nominations for this prize are accepted from Macquarie University staff and students only. Partners cannot self-nominate.

CRITERIA (250 word limit per criteria)

- Recognition for an industry partner that has gone above and beyond to host a PACE work integrated learning activity for students.
- Recognition for an industry partner that has supported students to develop their employability skills and understanding of the professional workplace.

GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible to apply for the PACE Faculty Student Prize and/or the PACE Student Leadership Prize, a student (or a group of students) must:

1. Have completed a **PACE unit in 2023** which includes Session 1, Winter Vacation, Session 2, Session 3 (2023)
2. Obtain endorsement from their Unit Convenor
3. Obtain testimonials from their team member(s)/host supervisor (**PACE Student Leadership Prize only**).

Please note the following:

- Co-curricular students are not eligible to apply.
- Postgraduate students can apply if they have completed a PACE unit or a work integrated learning activity.
- For the PACE Faculty Student Prize, if the PACE activity undertaken was a group activity, the application must include **all** group member details, contribution and consent.
- There are four (4) PACE Faculty Student Prizes with one prize for each faculty:
    - » Faculty of Arts
    - » Macquarie Business School
    - » Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences
    - » Faculty of Science and Engineering

HOW TO APPLY?

1. All applications and nominations will need to be submitted via the weblinks below:
    - » PACE Faculty Student Prizes
    - » PACE Student Leadership Prizes
    - » PACE Staff Prizes
    - » PACE Partner Prizes
2. Please address the criteria of each prize in the application form. We recommend using the STAR Technique. Please also see FAQs for tips on how to submit a great application. There is a 250 word limit on each criteria.
3. The PACE Faculty Student Prize and PACE Stduent Leadership Prize MUST include an endorsement from the Unit Convenor.
   Contact your Unit Convenor to request their endorsement of your application. Provide them with the link to the Unit Convenor endorsement form. https://it-mqu.formstack.com/forms/pace_prize_2023_unit_convenor_endorsement
   Once the Unit Convenor has submitted the form, a copy of the endorsement form will be emailed to the student applicant to upload to your application.
4. The PACE Student Leadership Prize MUST include testimonials from:
    - » Student group members (Group PACE activities only)
    - » Host supervisors (Individual PACE activities only)
5. Maximum 4 pages of supporting documentation can be submitted to support applications/nominations.
6. Students are encouraged to include a digital link to support their application (e.g., video, ePortfolio, blog posts) to be included within your four (4) page supporting documentation.
7. The deadline for applications will be Sunday 11 February 2024, 11:59pm. Late applications will not be accepted.

		Application Form (addressing criteria)	Unit Convenor Endorsement	Testimonial(s) from student group members	Testimonial(s) from host supervisors	Other support documentation (optional)
Faculty Student Prize		✓	✓			Max 4 pages
Student Leadership Prize	Group activity (> 2 members)	✓	✓	✓ Required from 2 group members		Max 4 pages
	Group activity (= 2 members)	✓	✓	✓ Required from 1 group member		Max 4 pages
	Individual activity	✓	✓		✓	Max 4 pages
Staff Prize		✓				Max 4 pages
Partner Prize		✓				Max 4 pages

APPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT AND PROCESS

- Prizes will be assessed based on the overall merit of applications received, the supporting evidence provided and how students and staff have addressed the prize criteria in their applications/nominations.

- Unit Convenors MUST endorse the PACE Faculty Student Prizes and the PACE Student Leadership Prize. (See 'How to Apply' above for more details).

- For the PACE Student Leadership Prize, testimonials from student group member(s) (Group Activities) or host supervisor(s) (Individual Activities) are required. (See 'How to Apply' above for more details).

- Only 4 pages of supporting documentation (PDF format) can be submitted to support applications/nominations.

- Students are encouraged to include a digital link to support their application (e.g., video, ePortfolio, blog posts).

- The Professor Judyth Sachs Prizes Assessment Panel is comprised of staff from the Office of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education), staff from Faculties, other offices of the University and current students.

- The Panel will review all applications and finalise the PACE Prize winners.

- Winners of the Professor Judyth Sachs PACE Prizes will be notified in writing.

- PACE Student Prize winners will receive a certificate and recognition on their academic transcripts/AHEGS in addition to the monetary prize.

- Prizes may not be awarded in any year if there are no applications of any merit.

- Applications of merit may be recognised as Highly Commended Finalists as deemed by the Assessment Panel.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR APPLICATIONS.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

All application information will be managed in accordance with the Macquarie University Privacy Management Plan.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Students should refer to the Judyth Sachs Prizes website for further information.

Enquiries should be directed to LToperations@mq.edu.au