

**UNSW School of Optometry & Vision Science Annual Prizegiving  
2 May 2024**

**The Stage 1 Optics Prize**

The Stage 1 Optics Prize for the best performance in VISN1111 Geometrical and Physical Optics and VISN1221 Visual Optics

The prize winner is: **Bennett Chan**

Prize Donor: Essilor Australia Pty Limited

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**The Stage 2 Clinical Optometry Prize**

The Stage 2 Clinical Optometry Prize for the best performance in OPTM2133 the Clinical Environment and OPTM2233 Optical Dispensing

The prize winner is: **Jimmy Nguyen**

Prize Donor: BOC Ophthalmic Instruments Pty Ltd

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**The Stage 3 Environmental Optometry and Dispensing Prize**

The Stage 3 Environmental Optometry and Dispensing Prize for the best performance in Stage 3 Environmental Optometry and Dispensing

The prize winner is: **Monica Lam**

Prize Donor: UVEX Safety, Australia & New Zealand

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**The Stage 3 Ocular Diseases Prize**

The Stage 3 Ocular Diseases Prize for the best performance in OPTM3105 Disease Processes of the Eye 1 and OPTM3205 Disease Processes of the Eye 2

The prize winner is: **Josie Wehbe**

Prize Donor: Essilor Australia Pty Limited

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**The CooperVision Prize in Contact Lenses**

The CooperVision Prize in Contact Lenses for the best performance in OPTM6411 Contact Lenses in Stage 1 of the Master of Clinical Optometry program

The prize winner is: **Kristine Nguyen**

Prize Donor: CooperVision

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**The Optometry NSW/ACT Prize in Ocular Therapeutics**

The Optometry NSW/ACT Prize in Ocular Therapeutics for the best performance in OPTM6413 Anterior Eye Therapeutics and OPTM6243 Therapeutics and the Posterior Eye in Stage 1 of the Master of Clinical Optometry

The prize winner is: **Irene Wei**

Prize Donor: Optometry NSW/ACT

**AND;**

**The Mivision Prize in Recognition of Excellence in Social Engagement**

The Mivision Prize in Recognition of Excellence in Social Engagement to recognise students that have demonstrated excellence in communication, advocacy or in promoting eyecare to the community or other professions

The prize winner is: **Irene Wei**

Prize Donor: Toma Publishing Pty Ltd

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**The Dr Andrew Whatham Prize for Stage 5 CFEH Clinical Excellence**

The Dr Andrew Whatham Prize for Stage 5 CFEH Clinical Excellence for the best performance in the Centre for Eye Health (CFEH) Stage 5 Clinical Rotation (Master of Clinical Optometry Stage 2)

The prize winner is: **Rachael Chan**

Prize Donor: Centre for Eye Health/Guide Dogs NSW/ACT

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**The Research Project Prize in the Master of Clinical Optometry**

The Research Project Prize in the Master of Clinical Optometry for the best overall mark in the research project in the final year of the Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Clinical Optometry program

The prize winners are: **Teresa Nguyen and Vivian Tran (shared)**

Prize Donor: Optometric Vision Research Foundation

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**The ACBO Prize in Binocular and Children's Vision**

The ACBO Prize in Binocular and Children's Vision for the best overall performance throughout the Master of Clinical Optometry program in Binocular and Children's Vision

The prize winner is: **Ridwan Usamah**

Prize Donor: Australasian College of Behavioural Optometrists (ACBO)

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**The Luxottica Prize for the Best Performance in Clinical Ocular Therapeutics (Master of Clinical Optometry, Stage 2)**

The Luxottica Prize for the Best Performance in Clinical Ocular Therapeutics (Master of Clinical Optometry, Stage 2) for the best performance in OPTM8513 Clinical Ocular Therapy 5A and OPTM8523 Clinical Ocular Therapy 5B

The prize winner is: **Cindy Tang**

Prize Donor: Luxottica

**AND;**

**The ODMA Richard Grills Low Vision Prize**

The ODMA Richard Grills Low Vision Prize for the best performance in the Low Vision strand in OPTM6421 Binocular Vision, Paediatrics and the Low Vision strand in OPTM8511 Clinical Paediatrics, Low Vision and Colour Vision

The prize winner is: **Cindy Tang**

Prize Donor: Optical Distributors and Manufacturers Association of Australia (ODMA)

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**The Designs for Vision Prize**

The Designs for Vision Prize for the best overall performance throughout the Bachelor of Vision Science, Master of Clinical Optometry program in Primary Care Optometry

The prize winner is: **Imogen Locke-Sodhi**

Prize Donor: Designs for Vision

**AND;**

**The Specsavers Prize for Excellence in Patient Management**

The Specsavers Prize for Excellence in Patient Management by a student in the final year of the Bachelor of Vision Science, Master of Clinical Optometry Program

The prize winner is: **Imogen Locke-Sodhi**

Prize Donor: Specsavers Pty Ltd

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**The Specsavers Prize for Overall Excellence in the Bachelor of Vision Science Master of Clinical Optometry Program**

The Specsavers Prize for Overall Excellence in the Bachelor of Vision Science Master of Clinical Optometry Program for the best overall weighted average mark (WAM) in the Bachelor of Vision Science, Master of Clinical Optometry program

The prize winner is: **Iris Huang**

Prize Donor: Specsavers Pty Ltd

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**The Australian College of Optometry (ACO) Award**

The Australian College of Optometry (ACO) Award for outstanding efforts and to acknowledge the importance of commitment to the profession

The prize winner is: Yusrah Kanj

Prize Donor: Australian College of Optometry

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**The Brian Kirby Prize for Research Excellence in Optometry**

The Brian Kirby Prize for Research Excellence in Optometry for the Doctoral student in Optometry with the best thesis

The prize winner is: **Dr Rajendra Gyawali**

Prize Donor: The Brian Kirby Foundation

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**The Guide Dogs NSW/ACT Prize for Excellence in Orientation and Mobility**

The Guide Dogs NSW/ACT Prize for Excellence in Orientation and Mobility for the best performance in the Graduate Diploma in Orientation and Mobility program (5420)

The prize winners are: **Natasha Dakin and Tiana Nelson**

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