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# The Tracey Bretag Prize for Academic Integrity

For demonstrating the scaled, positive impact of academic integrity initiatives.

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### i. History and intent of the prize

Tracey's student-centric approach of evidence-based, formative support as a method of cheating prevention was well regarded globally, and is more relevant now than ever.

Tracey was a professor at the University of South Australia and a leading researcher in the field of academic integrity. She led major studies with enormous national and international implications, and spoke widely and publicly on the importance of universities taking a strong stand regarding educating their students about academic integrity, and enforcing the rules with vigour and strong sanctions. Tracey also came to work alongside the team at Studiosity, providing advice, guidance, and sharing her research at events. Tracey's illness came as a shock, as it did for everyone close to her and the wider academic community.

In September 2020, the Australian government had just passed legislation as a result of Tracey's work. Studiosity's Founder, Jack Goodman, wrote to ask for Tracey's permission to create an annual Academic Integrity Award, named in her honour, and we were pleased to receive her blessing. Tracey passed away on 7 October 2020. In February 2021, she was honoured posthumously with a Career Achievement Award from the Australian Awards for University Teaching.

Studiosity will honour this commitment every year to those who are advancing the understanding and implementation of academic integrity in the higher education sector.

#### ii. The Prizes

There is one prize available per region:

UK & Ireland: GBP 2,500 \*
Middle East: AED 10,000 \*
Asia/Oceania: AUD 5,000 \*
North America: USD 3,500 \*

<sup>\*</sup> or equivalent in local currency.

The prize listed for your region is the total amount to be donated, including any sales tax if that were applicable.

## iii. Prize conditions of entry

By submitting a nomination you agree to all the terms outlined in this document.

Criteria and decisions:

Show - with evidence - that you have advanced understanding of best practice and impact of Academic Integrity pursuits within the sector, within the 12 month time period for each annual Prize. (For the 2025 Prize, this means projects running through 2024, up to and including March 2025).

To apply you must meet the following criteria.

1. You are:

A currently employed as an academic or professional staff member;

or

A currently enrolled student (Undergraduate, PhD, Postgraduate)

or

A group. (e.g. a research group, organisation, student union)

2. You reside in an eligible region: Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Malaysia, United Kingdom, Canada, or the United States.

Data-led nominations might address, but are not limited to:

Interventions for assessment, Student performance, Behaviours, Student union or student-led plans, Communications plan, Cultural change in students and staff.

The final decision will be made by members of Studiosity's Academic Advisory Board in the finalists' region, including:

**UK/Ireland:** Prof Petra Wend; Prof Rebecca Bunting; Prof Cliff Allan; Prof Andrew Wathey

**Middle East:** Dr Ashraf Mahate; Prof Judyth Sachs. With 2025 guest judge, Prof. Amjad Qandil.

**Asia/Oceania:** Prof Judyth Sachs; Prof Sally Kift; Prof John Rosenberg; Prof Chris Tisdell; and, Jack Goodman.

**North America:** Dr Mamdouh Shoukri; Dr Alan Shaver; Dr Noreen Golfman; Ann Buller, C.M

The prize winner will be contacted as soon as practically possible following the announcement.

Past prize recipients will not be considered if they received the prize in the immediately prior calendar year. Past recipients can nominate others and act as referrals, if they are not involved in the team or project.

If the nomination is being submitted by a team, submit one application only.

Nominations are subject to further enquiry by the panel. For example, the panel may ask for more detail from your referees.

Decisions will be based on the quality of the nominations, strength of evidence, and finalists' referee reports.

The panels' decisions are final.

### iv. Delivery of the financial prize

The prize is in the nature of a donation to your institution and therefore in most jurisdictions this would not attract sales tax.

If any tax were to apply - the nominated prize is the total amount to be donated and so would be inclusive of that tax.

The prize is to be paid in full to the winner/winning group.

At least one representative of the winning group must be able to access the funds in an unrestricted way - for example, a project fund - at their discretion.

Use of the prize to fund research or initiatives that progress academic integrity as a positive part of the student experience is ideal. The design of any subsequent research and use of the funds is at the discretion of the recipient(s).

The winner's finance team/department will issue an invoice to Studiosity for the amount won as per the criteria above, and the Studiosity Finance Team will then pay it into the nominated account for that institution.