



Peters Family Medical Prize

Established in 2020, Professor Lester Peters AM (Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (Hons), 1966) was appointed in 1995 to the inaugural Chair of Radiation Oncology at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and the University of Melbourne. Prior to this, Lester was Professor and Chairman of the world renowned Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston from 1982-1995. His long-time research focus has been on application of applied radiobiology to the treatment of head and neck cancer for which he enjoys international recognition. In 2001 he was awarded Member of the Order of Australia for service to medical research, education and clinical practice in the field of radiation oncology. Professor Peters and his wife, Desley, wish to establish the Peters Family Medical Prize to honour the student of rural and remote background who receives the highest marks in his/her medical school studies in the UQ Faculty of Medicine.

(a) Recommending authority

Medical Dean, Faculty of Medicine.

(b) Eligibility

Students from a rural background completing the MD program in the year of award.

(c) Basis for award

Students with the highest achievement in the MD program.

(d) Nature of prize

\$10,000 which may be split between two equally meritorious students.

(e) Other Provisions

- (i) To determine highest achievement in the MD program, the methodology prescribed in accordance with the University's procedures on award of university medals will be used.
- (ii) In the event that there are more than two qualified students with equal achievement, the Medical Dean will recommend the two students from the most rural background as defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Area structure (ASGS -RA).