



IFA – AUSTRALIA RICHARD VANN PRIZE (in International Tax)

Competition and Prize Rules

The IFA Australia Richard Vann Prize is an annual essay prize offered in honour of the substantial and sustained contributions of Professor Richard Vann to the discipline of International Taxation and the International Fiscal Association (IFA). The prize encourages research and scholarship in the field of international taxation consistent with the objects of the International Fiscal Association.

1. The name of the Prize is “The IFA Australia Richard Vann Prize”.
2. Subject to any other provision of these rules, the Prize is open to any Australian resident studying or practicing in the field of taxation.
3. There is no limit by reference to the age or seniority or experience of, or position held by, a person who may submit an essay.
4. The essay topic will be on any area of international taxation.
5. The deadline for submission of essays will be 15 December each year with the prize to be awarded by 28 March of the following year.
6. Each essay must contain footnotes (referenced according to the Australian Guide to Legal Citation - [AGLC4-2021-v1.pdf \(mulr.com.au\)](#)) and a bibliography, and will be subject to a limit of 10,000 words (including footnotes and bibliography). Any essay in excess of 10,000 words will be deemed ineligible for entry. Additionally, each essay must include an abstract of not more than 150 words (excluded from the word count of 10,000 words).
7. Single-authored or multiple-authored essays will be accepted, but authorship must be original.
8. A person submitting an essay (including any one of multiple authors) may not submit more than one essay in a particular year.
9. An Australian reporter for an IFA Congress subject is not precluded from submitting their report (or a derivation of such report) as an essay entry for this award.
11. A member of the IFA Australia Executive or any of its committees is not eligible to win the prize.
10. A person may only win the award once.
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12. An essay submitted must not have been, in whole or in part, previously published or submitted for publication.
13. An essay submitted must be accompanied by a separate cover page giving the author’s name and contact details, but the essay itself must not identify the author.
14. Each person submitting an essay must declare that the essay is the person’s own original work and such other criteria as is stipulated. By submitting an essay, participants agree that IFA Australia may conduct an integrity check for copyright infringement or plagiarism.
15. By submitting an essay, its author does not vest copyright in the essay in IFA Australia, or otherwise affect ownership of that copyright, but grants a non-exclusive licence to IFA Australia to publish the article on its website or in other ways it deems fit. IFA Australia will be entitled to publish the winning essay on its website. The winner of the Prize must agree that if it is published through any other avenue of publication, that publication will be accompanied by an acknowledgment that the essay was the Prize-winning essay in the relevant year.
16. The annual prize is AUD\$5,000 plus one year’s free membership of IFA. In the case of joint winners or a winning essay by more than one author, IFA Australia will allocate the monetary Prize between them equally and annual membership will be granted to each author.
17. IFA may also choose to note a non-winning entry as “Highly Commended” and may choose to provide suitable acknowledgement which will include one year’s free membership of IFA.
18. It is intended that the Prize be offered annually, but IFA Australia reserves the right not to offer it in a particular year, including if the Judging Panel determine in its discretion not to make an award in a particular year if no essay submitted is assessed to be of sufficient merit.
19. IFA Australia expects to notify all participants of the result by 28 March following submission of essays and to announce the identity of the winner of the Prize by that date on IFA Australia’s website.
20. The Prize will be awarded for the essay assessed to be the best by a Judging Panel to be appointed from the members of the Executive Committee of IFA Australia. The criteria to be used by the judging panel will include significance and originality of contribution, clarity and focus of the methodology, theory or approach of the chosen topic, structure and logic of argument (including persuasiveness and practicality of argument), practical relevance and presentation.
21. The decision of the Judging Panel is final.
22. It is open to IFA Australia to take up and recommend to any institution or agency for implementation, any idea expressed in any essay submitted. Where appropriate, IFA Australia will use its best endeavours to ensure that the source of an idea that is implemented is acknowledged.
23. By submitting an essay a participant agrees to be bound by these and any other Rules governing the Annual Essay Prize.
24. IFA Australia reserves the right to vary these rules.