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# The Rory McDonagh Prize 2022



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# Rory McDonagh Prize

The Rory McDonagh prize was founded in 2016 by the trustees of The Rory McDonagh Trust. It is awarded annually, on the recommendation of the Trinity Business School, to the candidate who performs at the highest level in the senior sophister module, International Business.

## Rory McDonagh Prize Winner 2022



**Matthew O'Shea**

It is such an honour to have been awarded the 2022 Rory McDonagh Prize, after having completed the International Business module in Trinity Business School with Nicholas McIlroy. In today's world, a global outlook is more important than ever, and taking this module in Trinity Business School has certainly equipped me with the skills and insight to excel in our global economy.

My time studying Law and Business has taught me so much both about myself and the world. From being elected to Scholarship in 2020 to finishing the degree with a First Class Honours, I have been consistently encouraged to think broadly about each topic, considering more than just what first meets the eye.

While in Trinity, I had the opportunity to immerse myself in extra-curricular activities -from sporting to creative endeavours, and everything in between. My experience in Trinity was greatly enhanced by this involvement, which allowed me to meet so many fantastic people from so many different backgrounds. My time as Editor in Chief of The Eagle: Trinity College Law Gazette illustrates this effectively, where I was frequently exposed to different perspectives on a vast array of subjects. This, I believe, gets to the essence of the International Business mindset, and our continuing task of harmonising different perspectives as we work together.

As with many things in life, this marks yet another point in a long journey. I am currently completing an LLM in International and European Business Law at Trinity College, which has been inspired greatly by all of the lessons I have learned while studying international business. After that, I look forward to commencing my career as a trainee solicitor in Dublin, where the insights I have developed while studying international business.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the McDonagh Family for this very generous award and inspiring the study of international business, as well as to Trinity Business School and Nicholas McIlroy for their continued support.



## Rory McDonagh Prize Winner 2021



**Mykola Babiy Jr**

I was delighted to be awarded the 2021 Rory McDonagh Trust Prize. I enjoyed the International Business module with Prof. Nick McIlroy and I feel that this definitely broadened my understanding of the international business landscape and how business decisions are made with a global perspective.

I would like to thank the Rory McDonagh Trust for awarding me this prize and for their recognition of the prominence of international business in our heavily interconnected world. To the Trinity School of Business, thank you for the high standard education I was granted and selecting me for this award.

## Rory McDonagh Prize Winners 2020



**Mia Carroll**

I am truly honoured to have been selected as the winner of the 2020 Rory McDonagh Trust Prize. While I have always been interested in international business and the global economy, Prof. Louis Brennan ignited a particular excitement about the subject matter and far beyond. For that, I am truly grateful. Equipped with the knowledge I gained throughout the 4 years of my International business degree, I feel competent when navigating through our modern world – characterised by constant dynamism and uncertainty. I would like to offer a very special thanks to the McDonagh Family for their generosity and pledge to encouraging global business thinking. I would also like to express my gratitude to the Trinity Business School for their constant support throughout.

## Rory McDonagh Prize Winners 2020



**Osgur Murphy O Kane**

I was awarded the 2020 Rory McDonagh Prize on the recommendation of the Trinity Business school for achieving first place in International Business at Trinity College Dublin. I would recommend this module to all eligible students as it provides fascinating insights into international business and its profound economic, political and societal impacts.

My four years as a Law and Business student were challenging but very rewarding. A key highlight was my study abroad experience in Hong Kong in my third year, in which I got involved with Hong Kong GAA, a strategy consulting project, and taught English to economically disadvantaged schoolchildren. Back

in Ireland, I was a senior investment analyst with the Trinity Student Managed Fund. Having graduated from Trinity with 1st Class Honours, I am currently working with Sors Digital Assets, a digital assets consultancy firm with a global footprint, operating from Hong Kong and Ireland. I am very grateful to have received such a generous reward and am very thankful to the Rory McDonagh family and Trust.

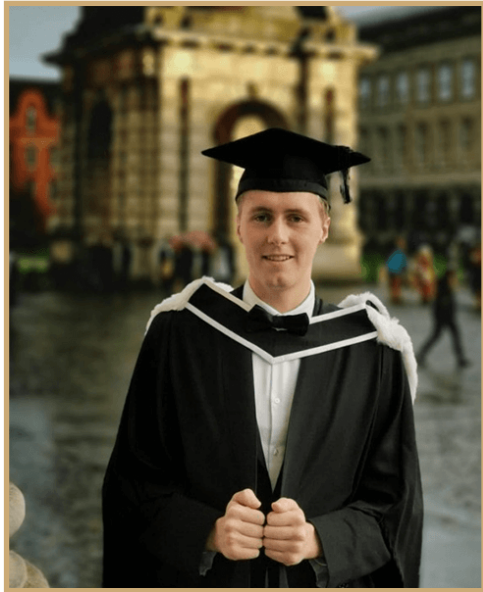
## Rory McDonagh Prize Winners 2019



**Sarah White**

I am extremely honored to be receiving the Rory McDonagh Trust Prize. This award has always encouraged me to strive for academic excellence in International Business. On a personal level, I had always wanted to go on to excel in international business and this is the reason I initially decided to study Business Studies and German at Trinity. Always with a passion for learning about the world and aiming to achieve a global mindset, I was lucky enough to have spent my summers working in Greece and Croatia. On a closing note I would like to sincerely thank the McDonagh Family and Trust for their recognition and extreme generosity.

## Rory McDonagh Prize Winners 2019



Cian Mathews

On the recommendation of the Trinity College Business school I was awarded the 2019 Rory McDonagh Prize for earning first place in International Business at Trinity College Dublin. Business and in particular the global economy has always been something I have been very interested in and so I am incredibly grateful to the Rory McDonagh trust and family to have been selected to receive this award. My four years in Trinity College have been very enjoyable and I have met many great people through my course and the extra-curricular activities that I was involved in but being picked for this award is my proudest achievement. From studying this module I have gained a greater understanding of the world of global business and the functioning of the global economy. This will be of great assistance to me as I embark on the next chapter of my life.

## Rory McDonagh Prize Winner 2018



Isabel Ottewill

On the recommendation of the Trinity College Dublin Business School I was awarded the 2018 Rory McDonagh Prize for earning first place in International Business at Trinity College Dublin. I remember my first lecture in International Business at Trinity. The Professor spoke about the Rory McDonagh Prize and the goal of the Rory McDonagh Trust in supporting global business thinking.

My time at Trinity College Dublin has been very rewarding. I completed a graduate level course on Investment Theory and Applications at Harvard University while only a second year undergraduate. I represented Trinity at the Rotman International Trading Competition at the University of Toronto and was Senior Analyst for the Trinity Student Managed Fund.

I was also finalist for the Trinity Business Student of the Year. The Rory McDonagh Prize encouraged me to strive for academic excellence in International Business. I am incredibly honoured and grateful to have received such a generous reward and I am very thankful to the Rory McDonagh family and Trust.





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