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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 or candidates who perform at the highest level in the senior sophister module, International Business.

The testimonials of the two 2023 prize winners, Avery Nard and Emily Steyaert are below:

Rory McDonagh Prize Winners 2023



AVERY NARD

I am thrilled to be awarded the 2023 Rory McDonagh Prize for my performance in the International Business module. I appreciated the opportunity to look beyond the bounds of the western world and examine the part that all hemispheres play in our complex global ecosystem.

As the world becomes increasingly and impossibly interconnected, the importance of such a subject continues to grow. I was happy to be able to learn from Professor McIlroy, whose passion for the topic was infectious.

Over the course of the module, we examined many interesting topics and readings. One such reading, which addressed the link between natural disaster and business activity has inadvertently led me to my current job at the American Red Cross in Disaster Cycle Services.

In the future I plan to return to university for a master's degree in a field related to international relations and humanitarian action. As such I would like to thank Professor McIlroy for providing me with the foundational knowledge that will aid me in this path.

I would also like to thank my classmates who participated in group work with me. Without their academic rigor and drive I would not have received this award. The individuals I met over my four years at Trinity are a big part of what made the experience so great.

My sincerest thanks to the Trinity Business School and the Rory McDonagh Trust for awarding me this prize and for their continued work in encouraging academic curiosity and performance.

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EMILY STEYAERT

I am truly honoured to be awarded the prestigious Rory McDonagh Prize having completed Professor Nicholas McIlroy's module in International Business and Global Economy in 2023. Receiving this prize not only represents a personal achievement but highlights the outstanding resources and knowledge provided by Professor McIlroy and Trinity College Dublin.

In a world that is experiencing an ever-evolving global business landscape, this module proved to be an invaluable tool in understanding the intricate economic forces shaping our world today.

My time at Trinity was transformative, marked by invaluable experiences, lifelong connections, and rigorous challenges, especially navigating an undergraduate degree through the Covid-19 Pandemic to name one. The technical, but also interpersonal skills I gained during my time at Trinity have proven instrumental in commencing my role in Davy as a Wealth Management Graduate.

For this reason, I am very grateful to Trinity College Dublin for this esteemed recognition and for providing me with an educational experience that has paved the way for my professional growth. Additionally, I would like to extend my gratitude to the McDonagh Family and Trust for their generosity and support for students.

Previous Rory McDonagh Prize Winners

- Rory McDonagh Prize Winner 2022 – Matthew O'Shea
- Rory McDonagh Prize Winner 2021 – Mykola Babiy Jr
- Rory McDonagh Prize Winners 2020 – Mia Carroll; Osgur Murphy O'Kane
- Rory McDonagh Prize Winners 2019 – Sarah White; Cian Mathews
- Rory McDonagh Prize Winner 2018 – Isabel Ottewill



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Thank you from all of us here in Trinity.