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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 four 2024 prize recipients, Finn Howley, David Caulfield, Amy Cosgrove and Sophia Klavsuc are below.

Rory McDonagh Prize Recipients 2024



FINN HOWLEY



I am honoured to have been awarded the 2024 Rory McDonagh Prize. The topics explored in the International Business module were truly fascinating and were brought to life with great enthusiasm by Nick McIlroy and Louis Brennan. Their teaching expanded my understanding of global business and gave me the practical insights needed to succeed in today's global environment.

My time at Trinity has been enriching, both academically and personally. From engaging with complex international business theories to immersing myself in a vibrant extracurricular environment, I have developed a broad perspective that has shaped the way I approach challenges. Trinity encouraged me to think critically and globally, pushing me to consider the wider impact of decisions. Having graduated with First Class Honours, I am now working in Investment Banking at Bank of America in London. The ability to think globally has been instrumental in working at a global firm for international clients as well as adapting to life in a new international city.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the McDonagh Family for this generous award and for fostering the global mindset that is so essential in today's world. I also wish Louis Brennan a pleasant retirement after a distinguished career practising, researching, and teaching International Business both at Trinity and around the world. Finally, thanks to Trinity Business School for their support throughout my time in the College.



AMY COSGROVE



It is a huge honour to be one of the four privileged recipients of the 2024 Rory McDonagh prize.

Professor Nicholas McIlroy further sparked my interest and enthusiasm for international business and the global economy, and it is with these skills I am now equipped to navigate the ever evolving and unpredictable world.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the McDonagh Family for their generosity and commitment to fostering global business thinking. I'm also deeply grateful to Trinity Business School for their support in the last four years.



SOPHIA KLAVSUC



It is such a privilege to be awarded the Rory McDonagh Prize in recognition of my performance in the International Business and the Global

Economy module this year. I have gained profound insights into the complexities of global markets and the critical importance of diverse economic, cultural, and socio-economic perspective under the dedicated mentorship of Professor Nicholas McIlroy.

As I embark on my professional journey, this award, along with the lessons I have learned, symbolise not only a personal academic achievement but also a commitment to embracing

the challenges and opportunities of our interconnected world. I am immensely grateful to the McDonagh Family and the trustees for their generous support and for fostering a global outlook among students like me.

Thank you once again to the Rory McDonagh Trust for this recognition and for inspiring the next generation of business leaders.

DAVID CAULFIELD



I was delighted to be awarded the Rory McDonagh Prize following my performance in the module International Business and the Global Economy at the Trinity Business School. In line with The Rory McDonagh Trust's aim to support an international business mindset, Professor Nicholas McIlroy's module provided an in-depth understanding of globalisation and helped develop my sensitivity to the diverse economic, cultural, socio-economic, and legal environments found in the international markets.

I would like to thank the McDonagh Family and the Trustees of The Rory McDonagh Trust for their generous prize and their continued dedication towards supporting and recognising the impact of global business among young people. The Trust's continued support of Trinity College Dublin's International Business module showcases to me and other students the importance of developing an understanding and awareness of international business and its effects on our lives.

During my time in the U.S. this year on a work visa, I was exposed to diverse cultural backgrounds and work environments, and I look forward to expanding my horizons internationally as I enter the workforce. I am sincerely grateful for this award and would like to thank The Rory McDonagh Trust for supporting the importance of a globalised mindset.

Previous Rory McDonagh Prize Recipients

- Rory McDonagh Prize Recipients 2023 – **Avery Nard; Emily Steyaert**
- Rory McDonagh Prize Recipient 2022 – **Matthew O'Shea**
- Rory McDonagh Prize Recipient 2021 – **Mykola Babiy Jr**
- Rory McDonagh Prize Recipients 2020 – **Mia Carroll; Osgur Murphy O'Kane**
- Rory McDonagh Prize Recipients 2019 – **Sarah White; Cian Mathews**
- Rory McDonagh Prize Recipient 2018 – **Isabel Ottewill**



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