**Faculty of Science: medals and prizes**

The following medals and prizes can be awarded to students in the Faculty of Science for outstanding academic achievement:

**Medals**

**Dean’s medal**

The Dean’s medal is awarded annually to the honours student who scores the highest average percentage throughout both the BSc and BScHons programmes. This award was donated by Prof. JA de Bruyn, former dean of the Faculty of Science (1976 - 1987) and later vice-rector: Operations, Stellenbosch University.

**Element Six (Pty) Ltd Medal**

A medal is presented annually to the best third year student in the undergraduate Chemistry programme with an aggregate mark of at least 70% that includes the marks obtained in the two polymer chemistry modules.

**DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Strong Materials Medal**

A medal is presented annually to the best honours student in Polymer Science (a minimum mark of 70% is required).

**John Todd Morrison Research Medal**

The medal is presented annually to the best MSc student (alternately in Physics and Applied Mathematics) who obtains the degree *cum laude*. This award commemorates the late Prof. JT Morrison, former professor in mathematics and Chemistry at the then Victoria College and later Stellenbosch University (1891-1934).

**Meiring Naudé Medal**

The medal is presented annually to the best honours student in Physics who scored a final mark of at least 80%; and obtained a mark of at least 60% in each undergraduate module of the programme. This award was donated by the late Dr S Meiring Naudé, a former professor in Physics at Stellenbosch University (1934-1946).

**SJ Shand Memorial Medal**

The medal is presented annually to the best student who obtained the MSc degree in Geology *cum* *laude.*  This award commemorates the late prof. SJ Shand, former head of the Department of Geology and Mineralogy at Stellenbosch University (1911- 1937).

**Van der Walt Medal**

This medal is presented annually to an undergraduate final year student with the highest average percentage for all Computer Science modules over the first three years of study. This award commemorates Prof. APJ van der Walt, former head of the Department of Computer Science.

**Awards**

**Biochemistry**

* A book prize is awarded annually to the student who obtained the highest average mark in **Biochemistry 214 and 244.**
* A cash prize is awarded annually to the student who obtained the highest average mark in the four **third year Biochemistry** modules.

**Molecular Biology and Biotechnology**

* **Merck Award**

A certificate and a cash prize are awarded annually to the best final year undergraduate student in the **Molecular and Biotechnology programme**.

**Biodiversity and Ecology**

* **Prof. PG Jordaanp Prize**

A book prize is awarded annually to the best final year undergraduate student in **Biodiversity and Ecology 324.**

**Chemistry and Polymer Science**

* **Merck Achievent Awards**

A glass trophy and a cash prize are awarded annually to the best **final year undergraduate Chemistry** student who followed a BSc degree programme and continue with postgraduate studies in Chemistry.

* **SMM Award**

A cash prize is awarded annually to the best **honours student in Chemistry** who obtained the degree *cum laude.*

* **AMS Award**

A cash prize is awarded annually to the best **honours student** **in Polimer Science** who obtained the degree *cum laude.*

* **Bernina Award**

The prize is awarded annually to a student in BSc Chemistry (stream Textile and Polimer Science) with the best academic performancein the **Textile Science** modules over a period of two years.

* **Mattie Jooste Prize (undergraduate)**

The prize is awarded annually to an undergraduate student in BSc (Chemistry), stream **Textile and Polimer Science**, with the highest average mark for all modules over the second and third year.

* **Truida Louw Book Prize**

The prize is awarded annually to an undergraduate student in BSc Chemistry (stream Textile and Polimer Science) who obtained the highests average percentage in the first two **Textile Science** modules.

**Computer Science**

* A prize is awarded annually to the **best first year student** in Computer Science.
* A prize is awarded annually to the **best second year student** in Computer Science.
* A prize is awarded annually to the **best Honours student** in Computer Science.
* A prize is awarded annually for the **best project** in obtaining an **honours degree** in Computer Science.

**Mathematics**

* Book prizes are awarded annually to the two top achievers in **Mathematics 114/144.**
* Book prizes are awarded annually to the two top achievers in **Mathematics 214/244.**
* Book prizes are awarded annually to the two top achievers in **Engineering Mathematics 115/145.**
* Book prizes are awarded annually to the two top achievers in all the **third year Mathematics modules.**
* Book prizes are awarded annually to the two top **honours students in Mathematics** who obtained their degrees *cum laude.*