

## The Electric Power Engineering Centre (EPECentre) Postgraduate Scholarship

## Regulations

### Key Information

<b>Closing date</b>	None: Applications are accepted at any time.
<b>Value</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>ME students</u>: \$12,500 per annum<sup>1</sup></li><li>• <u>PhD students</u>: \$25,000 per annum<sup>1</sup></li></ul>
<b>Tenure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>ME students</u>: One year</li><li>• <u>PhD students</u>: Up to three years<sup>2</sup></li></ul>
<b>Number available annually</b>	Varies
<b>Applicable enrolment during tenure</b>	A programme for an ME or PhD degree involving research in electric Power Engineering.
<b>Special requirement</b>	Candidates must be citizens of New Zealand or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

### 1. Purpose

The scholarship recognises academic achievement by postgraduate students at the University of Canterbury who are specialising in electric Power Engineering.

### 2. Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Candidates must be enrolled, or intending to enrol, in a programme for a Master of Engineering (ME) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree involving research in electric Power Engineering.
- 2.2 Candidates must be citizens of New Zealand or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

### 3. Application process

- 3.1 Applications must be submitted in writing to the Director of the Electric Power Engineering Centre (EPECentre) (or nominee).<sup>3</sup>
- 3.2 Applications may be submitted at any time.
- 3.3 Applications are accepted from previous recipients of the scholarship, and they are given equal consideration with applications from those who have not held the scholarship before.

### 4. Selection process

- 4.1 Funding to support two ME students or one PhD student is available annually. In any year, additional funding may make additional scholarships available, or a current three-year tenure of the scholarship by a PhD student may absorb all the available funding, thereby making the scholarship unavailable in that year to other students.
- 4.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:

- a. the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
- b. the Chair of the Board of Directors of the EPECentre (or nominee); and
- c. the Director of the EPECentre (or nominee).

## **5. Selection criteria**

- 5.1 In making the recommendation(s), the selection committee gives equal consideration to:
- a. academic achievement;
  - b. general character, leadership potential, and communication skills;
  - c. demonstrated commitment to Electrical and Electronic Engineering and electric Power Engineering, indicating potential to contribute to Power Engineering research at the University and the electric power engineering industry in New Zealand.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer are awarded.

## **6. Conditions of acceptance**

- 6.1 Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship lapses if it is not formally accepted within one calendar month of the date of the offer.
- 6.2 By accepting the award, recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance, and indicate that they are willing to engage in EPECentre research and outreach activities, as appropriate.

## **7. Value and payment schedule**

- 7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$12,500 for ME students and \$25,000 per annum for PhD students.<sup>1</sup>
- 7.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account, in monthly instalments, on confirmation of enrolment as specified in clause 8.2.

## **8. Tenability and retention criteria**

- 8.1 The scholarship must be taken up within 12 months of the date of the offer of the scholarship.
- 8.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time or part-time enrolment at the University in a programme for a ME or PhD degree that involves research in electric Power Engineering.
- 8.3 The scholarship is tenable for one year by ME students, and up to three years by PhD students.<sup>2</sup>
- 8.4 With the permission of the Director of the EPECentre (or nominee), but not otherwise, a scholarship is tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this. In granting permission for co-tenure, the Director of the EPECentre (or nominee) may impose such conditions as they think fit, such as reducing the amount of the stipend associated with the Electric Power Engineering Centre (EPECentre) Postgraduate Scholarship. Recipients are permitted to hold other awards without reduction of the amount of the scholarship stipend if the value of the other awards (excluding grants to cover research-related expenses) does not exceed 50% of the stipend value of the scholarship. If the total value of other awards does exceed this limit, the scholarship stipend is normally reduced by the amount by which that total exceeds 50% of the scholarship stipend value.
- 8.5 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the year(s) of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 8.2, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.
- 8.6 Normally, recipients must be based at the University's Christchurch campus during their tenure of the scholarship. A recipient may apply to the Director of the EPECentre (or nominee) for exceptions to this requirement.
- 8.7 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

## 9. Background information

The EPECentre established the scholarship in 2004. It is funded by the Power Engineering Excellence Trust.

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## Notes

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<sup>1</sup> The scholarship is paid pro rata if the recipient is enrolled for fewer than 120 points in any year.

<sup>2</sup> In the case of a student already enrolled for a PhD, or transferring from a doctoral programme at another university to complete a PhD programme at the University of Canterbury, the term of a scholarship stipend is reduced by any period in excess of 60 points that the recipient has already completed for the degree at the time that the scholarship is conferred.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/epecentre/people/>