

# Orion Master's Energy Scholarship

## Regulations

### Key Information

<b>Closing date</b>	15 October
<b>Value</b>	\$16,500 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Tenure</b>	The scholarship is tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 120 points of enrolment.
<b>Number available annually</b>	One
<b>Applicable programmes during tenure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A programme for a master's degree that includes a thesis, dissertation, or research project with a credit weighting of at least 90 points relating to the energy field in the broadest sense</li> <li>• A programme for an MEngSt (Renewable Energy) degree that includes a 30-point research project</li> </ul>
<b>Citizenship/residency requirements</b>	None
<b>Co-tenability restrictions</b>	See clause 6.

### 1. Purpose and history

This scholarship supports study towards a master's degree at the University of Canterbury by students engaged in research related to the energy field. Southpower Limited, later Orion New Zealand Limited, established the scholarship in 1994.

### 2. Eligibility criteria

2.1 The scholarship is tenable for an enrolment of up to 120 points, by full-time and part-time<sup>1</sup> students who are enrolled at the University in either:

- a programme for a master's degree that includes a thesis, dissertation, or research project with a credit weighting of at least 90 points relating to the energy field in the broadest sense; or
- a programme for an MEngSt (Renewable Energy) degree that includes a 30-point research project.

2.2 By 10 December in the year of application:

- applicants must have met the academic requirements for enrolment in the qualifying programme at the University;
- applicants must have received final confirmed grades for the qualifying degree; and

- c. applicants requiring admission with equivalent standing must have had this admission confirmed unconditionally (including any English language requirements).

2.3 For applicants who have completed the academic requirements but not the non-academic requirements for the BE(Hons) degree, offers of awards are conditional on the completion and crediting of the non-academic requirements by 15 March in the year following application. Students may not take up the scholarship until such non-academic requirements have been completed and credited.

### **3. Selection process**

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 Dean of Business (or nominee);
- c. the Academic Dean of Engineering (or nominee);
- d. the Academic Dean of Science (or nominee); and
- e. a representative of Orion New Zealand Limited.

### **4. Selection criteria**

4.1 In making the recommendation, the committee will consider:

- a. academic achievement; and
- b. potential to contribute to the energy field.

4.2 If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no award will be made.

### **5. Application process**

Applications must be made online at the [Scholarships website](#)<sup>2</sup> by 15 October.

### **6. Co-tenability restrictions**

6.1 The scholarship is not co-tenable with a University of Canterbury Master's Scholarship. With the permission of the Dean of Postgraduate Research, but not otherwise, a scholarship will be co-tenable with any other scholarship, bursary, or award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

6.2 Conditions on a recipient's co-tenure may be imposed, such as reducing the value of the stipend associated with the scholarship. Recipients are normally permitted to hold other awards without reduction in the value 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 the other awards does exceed this limit the scholarship stipend will normally be reduced by the amount by which that total exceeds 50% of the scholarship stipend value.

### **7. Payment schedule**

7.1 The scholarship will be paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account, in monthly instalments.

7.2 The first payment will be made as soon as practicable after the recipient has accepted the scholarship and Scholarships Office has confirmed enrolment in an applicable programme.

7.3 A recipient may elect to pay tuition and compulsory fees from the scholarship. Any balance will be paid in monthly instalments.

## 8. Conditions of acceptance

- 8.1 Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship will lapse if it is not formally accepted within one calendar month of the date of the offer.
- 8.2 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application. In no case will tenure commence, or be backdated to an enrolment date, prior to 1 January of the year following the year of application.
- 8.3 Every recipient who has not already enrolled in an applicable programme for a master's degree at the University that entails a qualifying project (in accordance with clause 2.1) should normally be enrolled in that programme by 31 March in the year following the year of application. A recipient who is unable to enrol by that deadline must seek permission from the relevant dean to take up the scholarship at a later date. Without this permission the offer of the award will be rescinded.
- 8.4 In the event of a recipient's withdrawal from enrolment in an applicable programme for a master's degree at the University during the term of the scholarship, the scholarship will be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered.
- 8.5 If it is necessary for their master's research, recipients, with the permission of the relevant dean, may retain their scholarships while carrying out research for specified periods outside the University.
- 8.6 Recipients must permit publication and announcement of their acceptance of the award. Recipients will be required to arrange to meet with Orion New Zealand Limited to discuss their project soon after they have commenced their research, and to make a presentation to the company at the completion of their research.
- 8.7 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

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## Notes

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<sup>1</sup> The scholarship will be paid pro rata if the recipient is enrolled for fewer than 120 points in any year or has enrolled in a qualifying programme prior to 1 January in the year following the year of application.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>