

The SPE New Zealand Section Scholarship

Regulations

Key Information

Closing date	31 March
Value	\$5,000
Tenure	One year
Number available annually	One
Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Professional Year of a BE(Hons) • Third Professional Year of a BE(Hons), with an intention to proceed to postgraduate study
Special requirements	Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand.

1. Purpose

The scholarship is to promote student interest in the application of engineering principles to the ongoing development of the petroleum industry, to provide an awareness of the petroleum industry in New Zealand, and to encourage students to seek career opportunities in New Zealand within the petroleum engineering field.

2. Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand.

2.2 Applicants must be enrolled, full-time or part-time, at the University of Canterbury in a programme for a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (BE(Hons)) degree, either in:

- the Second Professional Year; or
- the Third Professional Year, with an intention to proceed to postgraduate study.

3. Application process

3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website¹ by 31 March.

3.2 Applications are accepted from previous recipients of the scholarship, and are given equal consideration with applications from those who have not held the scholarship before.

4. Selection process

4.1 One scholarship is available annually.

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 Academic Dean of Engineering (or nominee); and
- c. a representative of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE).

4.3 The selection committee may decide to compile a shortlist of candidates to be interviewed. In such a case, the scholarship recommendation is determined by the selection committee, following interviews conducted by the representative of SPE.

5. Selection criteria

5.1 In making the recommendation, the selection committee considers, with the specified weightings:

- a. academic achievement (40%);
- b. character, leadership potential, and social skills (30%); and
- c. potential contribution to the petroleum industry in New Zealand (30%).

5.2 If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit no scholarship is 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.

6.3 During tenure of the scholarship, recipients are expected to:

- a. proactively seek a summer vacation position with an oil and gas company, or with a service company associated with the petroleum industry;
- b. inform the SPE New Zealand Scholarship Chairperson² of their status/intentions regarding their pursuit of summer vacation employment in the petroleum industry or advise if they have secured summer vacation employment in another sector or are undertaking postgraduate study; and
- c. respond to employment opportunities from the petroleum industry that may be presented to them.

7. Value and payment schedule

7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$5,000.

7.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account.

8. Tenability and retention criteria

8.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year of application.

8.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time or part-time enrolment at the University in a programme for a BE(Hons), either in:

- a. the Second Professional Year; or
- b. the Third Professional Year, with an intention to proceed to postgraduate study.

8.3 The scholarship is tenable for one year.

8.4 The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

8.5 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the year 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 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

9. Background information

SPE established the scholarship in 2002. SPE is a worldwide organisation supporting the interests of the petroleum industry. SPE's mission is to provide the means to collect, disseminate, and exchange

technical information concerning the development of oil and gas resources, subsurface fluid flow, and production of other materials through wellbores for the public benefit, and to provide opportunities through its programmes for interested (and qualified) individuals to maintain and upgrade their individual technical competence in these areas.

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Notes

¹ www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

² <http://newzealand.spe.org/aboutus/committees>