

Key Information

Closing date	15 August
Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$3,000 to recipients who hold the scholarship in the Intermediate Year• \$3,000 to recipients who hold the scholarship in the First Professional Year• \$3,000 to recipients who hold the scholarship in the Second Professional Year• \$5,000 to recipients who hold the scholarship in the Third Professional Year
Tenure	One year ¹
Number available annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to eight scholarships for school-leaver applicants, of which up to four are reserved for females• Up to eight scholarships for applicants in Intermediate Year, of which up to four are reserved for females• Up to eight scholarships for applicants in First Professional Year, of which up to four are reserved for females• Up to eight scholarships for applicants in Second Professional Year, of which up to four are reserved for females
Applicable enrolment during tenure	Full-time enrolment in Engineering Intermediate or a Professional Year of a BE(Hons) programme in Electrical and Electronic Engineering.
Special requirements	Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

1. Purpose

This scholarship supports and promotes study in the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (BE(Hons)) degree programme in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Canterbury.

2. Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

2.2 Applicants must:

- a. have completed, or be completing, a university entrance qualification, and have studied at secondary level in the year of application (or, in the case of a gap year,² in the year immediately prior); or
- b. be enrolled in the Intermediate Year of a programme for a BE(Hons) degree at the University; or
- c. be enrolled in the First or Second Professional Year of a programme for a BE(Hons) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University.

3. Application process

- 3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website³ by 15 August.
- 3.2 Applications for current and previous recipients of the scholarship are encouraged. Such applications are considered equally with those from new applicants.

4. Selection process

- 4.1 The following scholarships are available annually:
- Up to eight for school-leaver applicants, of which up to four are reserved for females.
 - Up to eight for applicants in the Intermediate Year for a BE(Hons) at the University, of which up to four are reserved for females.
 - Up to eight for applicants in the First Professional Year for a BE(Hons) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University, of which up to four are reserved for females.
 - Up to eight for applicants in the Second Professional Year for a BE(Hons) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University, of which up to four are reserved for females.
- 4.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
- the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
 - the Chair of the Electric Power Engineering Centre Board of Directors (or nominee); and
 - a representative of the Electric Power Engineering Centre (or nominee).

5. Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee considers the following, with the specified weightings:
- In the case of school leavers: Quality of achievement at NCEA Level 2, or in equivalent qualifications for admission to the University⁴ (approximately 30% weighting).

Or:

 - In the case of Intermediate Year applicants: Quality of achievement in Semester 1 courses in the Intermediate Year of a BE(Hons) degree programme at the University (approximately 30% weighting).

Or

 - In the case of Professional Year applicants: Quality of achievement in completed courses in a BE(Hons) degree programme at the University in Electrical and Electronic Engineering (approximately 30% weighting).
 - Demonstrated commitment to, or interest in, Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Electric Power Engineering, indicating potential to contribute to the electric power engineering industry in New Zealand (approximately 40% weighting).
 - General character, leadership potential, and communication and social skills (approximately 30% weighting).
- 5.2 Preference may be given to those who face financial hardship.
- 5.3 The selection committee may choose to interview an Intermediate Year or Professional Year applicant to further assess criteria 5.1b and 5.1c.
- 5.4 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer awards are made. Any of a category's reserved scholarships that are not awarded are made available to other candidates in that category.

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:

- a. permit publication and announcement of their acceptance;
- b. indicate that they are willing to engage in University community activities, such as student mentoring, acting as University ambassadors, and being involved with University publicity as appropriate; and
- c. indicate that they are willing to engage from time to time in Electric Power Engineering Centre functions and events for scholarship recipients.

7. Value and payment schedule

7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at the following values:

- \$3,000 to recipients who hold the scholarship in the Engineering Intermediate Year
- \$3,000 to recipients who hold the scholarship in the First Professional Year
- \$3,000 to recipients who hold the scholarship in the Second Professional Year
- \$5,000 to recipients who hold the scholarship in the Third Professional Year

7.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account, as specified in clause 7.1.

7.3 The payment is made as soon as practicable after confirmation of a recipient's enrolment as specified in clause 8.2, and, if applicable, clause 8.3, and after the final date in Semester 1 on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course.⁵

8. Tenability and retention criteria

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

8.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment in a programme for a BE(Hons) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University.

8.3 Recipients who hold the scholarship in the Intermediate Year must be enrolled in the required courses for students who will be specialising in Electrical and Electronic Engineering.⁶ Recipients who hold the scholarship in the Third Professional Year must be enrolled with a minor in Power Engineering.⁶

8.4 The scholarship is tenable for one year.¹

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

8.6 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the year of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 8.2, and, if applicable, in clause 8.3, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.

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 Electric Power Engineering Centre (EPECentre) established the scholarship in 2014. The EPECentre's mission is to be a research centre of excellence in Electric Power Engineering that meets industry's research needs and fulfils the Power Engineering Excellence Trust's (PEET's) purpose to promote and support the education of power engineers and to support excellence in the study of power engineering in New Zealand. A way in which the EPECentre is supporting excellence by engineers in the study of power engineering is by offering these scholarships. In 2018 the EPECentre decided to reserve some of the scholarships for women, to meet and sustain future engineering needs of the power industry. This also aligns with the objectives of The Diversity Agenda,⁷ of which the UC College of Engineering is a founding partner. In 2019, the EPECentre decided to allow for the possibility of preference being given to those who have financial hardship, and to modify the programme so that, every year, students have to reapply and thereby prove their continued commitment to, and interest in, Power Engineering.

Notes

¹ Repeat tenures, for up to a total of four years, are possible, and applications for such are encouraged.

² For the University's definition of *gap year* see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

³ www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

⁴ School-leaver applicants must attain, or have attained, at least NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Merit (or equivalent).

⁵ For the final dates on which students may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/keydates/course-dates/>.

⁶ For the required Engineering Intermediate Year courses for students who will be specialising in Electrical and Electronic Engineering and for the required courses for a minor in Power Engineering see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/regulations/academic-regulations/be-hons--208/>.

⁷ For the objectives of the Diversity Agenda see <https://diversityagenda.org/>.