



ENERGY EDUCATION TRUST UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP 2024

The Energy Education Trust Undergraduate Scholarship was established in 2009 to assist students to undertake full-time study in the fields of science, engineering, economics, or related fields with specific interest in energy matters in New Zealand. The Scholarship is administered by the University of Waikato on behalf of the Energy Education Trust. The Scholarship is funded by the Energy Education Trust of New Zealand and is awarded each year to assist up to 10 undergraduate students in year 3 or 4 of full-time study at a New Zealand University.

1. Eligibility

1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

- a) be enrolled full-time in year 3 or 4 (including the honours year) at the University of Waikato in the fields of science, engineering, economics, law, or related fields, with a specific interest in energy matters in New Zealand;
- b) be eligible for domestic fees status (i.e., be a NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder, or Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ).

1.2. Past recipients who still meet the eligibility criteria may reapply in subsequent years.

2. Value and Tenure

2.1. The value of the Scholarship is **\$5,000** for a tenure of one year and will be paid in one lump sum as soon as practicable after acceptance of the offer.

3. Application

3.1. The closing date for applications is **31 March** each year.

3.2. From the list of eligible applicants, the Selection Panel will short-list and select applicants to attend an interview.

3.3. As part of the online application, each applicant must:

- a) Complete the Personal Statement section of the online application form that includes the following subheadings:
 - Evidence of interest in energy matters or practical experience in energy projects as they relate to the needs of New Zealand
 - Relevance of programme of study to this Scholarship
 - Future study and/or employment plans
 - Community Involvement
- b) Request the submission of one academic reference and one character reference.
- c) If they have studied at another tertiary institution, supply verified copies of their academic transcript(s).

4. Selection Criteria and Selection Panel

4.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of at least two representatives from the Energy Education Trust (agreed to by the Trustees).

- 4.2. When assessing applications, the Selection Panel will take into consideration academic merit as well as demonstrated interest in energy matters, the relevance of the programme of study and future study and employment plans. The desire to succeed and involvement in the community may also be considered.
- 4.3. All short-listed applicants will be required to attend an interview by the Selection Panel, normally held at the University of Waikato, Hamilton Campus.
- 4.4. The Selection Panel may contact referees, on a confidential basis, for further relevant information. The University may not divulge details to applicants about the content of such confidential references without the written authorisation of these referees.
- 4.5. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
- 4.6. The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into

5. Awarding

- 5.1. The Scholarship shall be awarded each year by the Energy Education Trust; however, all offer documents and payments for University of Waikato recipients will be administered by the University of Waikato's School of Graduate Research – Scholarships.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarship, award, or prize, unless the conditions of the other preclude this.
- 6.2. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer or the offer will lapse. If an applicant declines a Scholarship, or the offer lapses, the Selection Panel may offer the Scholarship to a reserve applicant.
- 6.3. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.
- 6.4. The University may terminate a Scholarship at any time if the holder withdraws from the University, brings the scholarship programme or the University or Trust into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.
- 6.5. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship.
- 6.6. The Trust has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
- 6.7. By accepting an award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato or the Trust in consultation with the other.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)