



# ENERGY EDUCATION TRUST MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP 2025

The Energy Education Trust Research Masters Scholarship was established in 2020 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 5 students to undertake a Master's degree through a programme of full-time study at a New Zealand University.

## 1. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 1.1. **To be eligible for consideration**, applicants must:
  - a) be currently enrolled full-time in their first year of a 500-level thesis of 90 points or more at the University of Waikato in the field of science, engineering, economics, law or related fields with a specific interest in energy matters in New Zealand; and
  - 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 of this Scholarship are not eligible to reapply.
- 1.3. **Selection is based on** the applicant's:
  - a) academic merit.
  - b) demonstrated interest in energy matters.
  - c) alignment of their Masters' Research topic.
  - d) future energy study/career plans.
  - e) desire to succeed and involvement in the community may also be considered.

## 2. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 2.1. The Scholarship will have a value of **\$8,000** and will be paid in one lump sum payment as soon as practicable after the Energy Education Trust's May Meeting.
- 2.2. The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year.
- 2.3. 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 Scholarships Team at the University's School of Graduate Research – Scholarships.
- 2.4. Recipients of the Scholarship will be required to submit a report to the Trust at the end of the tenure of their scholarship which outlines their progress with their research.

## 3. Application

- 3.1. The closing dates for online applications is **31 March** annually.
- 3.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information of the following:
  - a) interest in or relevant experience in energy matters in Aotearoa, the relevance of their current programme of study, and future study and career plans.
  - b) a brief abstract or outline (no more than 2000 words), of their proposed study and research objectives.

- c) request the submission of two academic references, one of which must be from the applicant's Master's thesis supervisor.

3.3. Applicants who are not University of Waikato graduates must also provide a copy of their academic transcript from their most recently completed qualification.

#### **4. 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. Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview with the Selection Panel which will normally held at the University of Waikato, Hamilton Campus.
- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
- 4.5. The Selection Panel's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

#### **5. Other Conditions**

- 5.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarship, award or prize unless the conditions of the other preclude this.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. The University, in consultation with the Trust, may terminate a Scholarship at any time if the holder withdraws from the University, brings the scholarship programme or the University or trust into disrepute<sup>1</sup>, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.
- 5.5. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship.
- 5.6. The Trust has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
- 5.7. 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.

<sup>1</sup> See [Code of Student Conduct](#)