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 funded by the Energy Education Trust of New Zealand and is awarded each year to assist students to undertake full-time study at a New Zealand University.

1. **Eligibility**
   
   1.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
       
   a) be enrolled full-time at any level between (and including) first and honours year of relevant university study in the fields of science, engineering, economics, law or related fields with a specific interest in energy matters in New Zealand.
   
   b) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand

2. **Value and Tenure**
   
   2.1. The value of the scholarship is $5,000 for a tenure of one year.

   2.2. The Scholarship will normally be paid in one lump sum as soon as practicable after acceptance of the offer.

3. **Application**
   
   3.1. The closing dates for applications is **31 March each year**.

   3.2. From the list of candidates, the Selection Panel will short-list and select candidates to attend an interview (see clause 5.2).

   3.3. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:
       
   a) A maximum two-page personal statement that includes the following subheadings:
       
   - Evidence of interest in energy matters as they relate to the needs of New Zealand
   - Relevance of programme of study to this scholarship
   - Future study and employment plans
   - Community Involvement

   3.4. Applicants must request the submission of two references.

   3.5. Applicants new University must supply transcripts of previous study:
       
   3.5.1. Applicants who have studied at another tertiary institution must supply verified copies of their academic transcripts.

   3.5.2. Applicants who are new to tertiary study must supply a copy of their NCEA Level School Results Summary which include their NCEA Level 3 results.

   3.6. Past recipients who still meet the eligibility criteria may reapply in subsequent years.
4. Selection Criteria and Selection Panel

4.1. 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.

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

4.3. All shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview at the University of Waikato Hamilton Campus. The interview will be no longer than 1 hour in length.

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 following the selection meeting.

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 School of Graduate Research – Scholarships Office.

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 letter of 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. The Scholarships Committee may, after informing the sponsor, terminate a Scholarship at any time and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University, brings the scholarship programme or the University or Sponsor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

6.4. In signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form, the student will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions for the award and retention of the Scholarship.

6.5. By accepting an award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato or Sponsor in consultation with the other.

¹ See Code of Student Conduct