



ENERGY EDUCATION TRUST UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP 2026

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 and Selection Criteria

- 1.1. **To be eligible for consideration**, 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; 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 who still meet the eligibility criteria may reapply in subsequent years.
- 1.3. **Selection is based on** the applicants:
 - a) academic merit.
 - b) demonstrated interest in energy matters.
 - c) relevance of the programme of study.
 - d) future study/employment 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 **\$5,000** and will be paid in one lump sum as soon as practicable after acceptance of the offer.
- 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 the University of Waikato recipients will be administered by the University of Waikato's School of Graduate Research – Scholarships.

3. Application

- 3.1. The closing date for 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 energy matters or practical experience in energy projects as they relate to the needs of New Zealand.
 - b) relevance of programme of study to this Scholarship
 - c) future study and/or employment plans.
 - d) community Involvement
 - e) request the submission of one academic reference and one character reference.

- 3.3. If the applicant has studied at another tertiary institution, they must supply verified copies of their academic transcript(s).
- 3.4. From the list of eligible applicants, the Selection Panel will short-list and select applicants to attend an interview.

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. All short-listed applicants will be required to attend an interview by the Selection Panel, normally held at the University of Waikato, Hamilton Campus.
- 4.3. 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.

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 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.
- 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.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)