

Tilt Renewables Tararua Wind Farm Research Bursary

Bursary Regulations

Focus

Energy

Level of Study

Postgraduate

Background

Tilt Renewable's flagship wind farm sited along a ridge of the Tararua Ranges is currently the largest in New Zealand and is documented as the best performing wind farm in the world, including the three best performing turbines globally, based on production figures. The Stage 3 expansion at Tararua in 2007 (when owned by TrustPower Ltd) resulted in three of the new 3.0 MW turbines (the largest installed in the southern hemisphere at that time) and a portion of the transmission circuit taking a prominent position on the Massey University Tuapaka Research Farm. To recognise and celebrate this long term collaboration, from 2008 the wind farms owners, currently Tilt Renewables Ltd (formerly TrustPower Ltd), are offering Massey University students two bursaries per year

Value and Tenure

The value of the bursary will be at least \$4,000. The bursary is tenable for one year.

Typical Number on Offer

Typically two bursaries will be awarded per year

Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a postgraduate qualification at Massey University.

Preference given to students with research projects of relevance to:

- generation or efficient use of energy,
- the interaction of energy assets and agricultural assets, or
- the efficient management of New Zealand's natural resources.

Selection Criteria

The selection will be based on:

- academic merit
- the suitability of the research project based on eligibility criteria listed above.

In recommending the award of a bursary the selection committee may take account of other scholarships and bursaries held by the applicant with a view to achieving a reasonable distribution of available monies among qualifying candidates.

Selection Panel

The bursary is awarded by the University Scholarships Committee on the recommendation of the Applied Science Scholarships Committee, College of Sciences, who will discuss suitable applicants with a representative from Tilt Renewables Ltd.

Conditions of the Bursary

Previous recipients are eligible to reapply for the bursary

The bursary may be held in conjunction with other scholarships, bursaries or awards, so long as these permit co-tenure.

The Committee may decline to award any bursary in any year if there are no applicants of sufficient merit to warrant an award.

At the discretion of the University all, or part, of the annual interest may be reinvested in order to maintain the value of the capital fund or the value of the award for subsequent years.

The Applied Sciences Scholarships Committee may withdraw or suspend an award at any time if the recipient fails to make satisfactory progress.

Payment of the bursary will be in May.