

# Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE)

## New Zealand Section Scholarship

### Scholarship Regulations

#### **Focus**

Engineering, Geology, Geophysics

#### **Level of Study**

Undergraduate

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the scholarship is to promote student interest in the application of scientific and engineering principles to the ongoing development of the oil and gas industry; to provide an awareness of the petroleum industry in New Zealand; and to encourage students to seek career opportunities in New Zealand within the oil and gas industry.

#### **Background**

The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) is an international organisation supporting the interests of the Petroleum industry. SPE's mission is to provide the means to collect, disseminate, and exchange technical information concerning the development of oil and gas resources, subsurface fluid flow, and production of other materials through wellbores for the public benefit; and to provide opportunities through its programmes for interested (and qualified) individuals to maintain and upgrade their individual technical competence in these area

#### **Value and Tenure**

The value of the scholarship will be \$3,000 and is tenable for one year.

#### **Typical Number on Offer**

Typically, one scholarship will be awarded

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen

- enrolled at a New Zealand University in either a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours programme and who has, at the time of the award, completed or been exempted from the first professional year of study,  
or
- enrolled in a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Science with Honours programme in geology, geophysics, or a related field and who has, at the time of the award, undertaken a minimum of two years' study.

### **Selection Criteria**

The selection will be based on:

- academic merit
- character, leadership potential, and social skills
- the applicant's potential contribution to the oil and gas industry in New Zealand

Interviews of short-listed candidates may be conducted

### **Selection Panel**

The scholarship is awarded by the University Scholarships Committee in consultation with the College of Science representative on the University Scholarships Committee or a representative of the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

### **Conditions of the Scholarship**

The recipient may also be offered summer vacation employment with an oil and gas company or service company in Taranaki. If offered, the scholar will be expected to take up this employment.

This scholarship includes a summer placement in the oil and gas industry, enabling students to gain exposure to this industry before making career choices: this scholarship is thus not available to students in their last year of study, unless they intend to carry on with post-graduate studies.

The scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, bursary, prize, or tertiary allowance unless the conditions of the other awards provide otherwise.

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