THE TODD FOUNDATION POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN ENERGY RESEARCH

The Todd Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship in Energy Research recognises the work of Sir Bryan Todd. Sir Bryan played a major role in the creation of the Todd Foundation and was instrumental in the development of the New Zealand oil and gas industry.

The funds for the scholarship are provided by the income from a substantial gift by the Todd Corporation Ltd to the Todd Foundation and reflect the Todd Corporation's continuing association with energy enterprise.

Purpose

The purpose of The Todd Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship in Energy Research is to support research in the field of energy, undertaken towards a doctoral degree at a New Zealand university or approved research institution in New Zealand, which may have wide relevance and add value to New Zealand.

Conditions of eligibility

Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents. Applicants must hold an appropriate Bachelor's degree with first or second class honours or a Master's degree and have already demonstrated a capacity for research.

Those currently in their final year of study for such a tertiary qualification are eligible to apply for the scholarship but any award made would be conditional upon the successful completion of that tertiary qualification.

Tenure and number

One scholarship is awarded each year and tenure is available for up to three years.

For the successful scholar tenure will start in the year following the year of application.

Value

The value of the scholarship is $25,000 per annum, including tuition fees.

In addition an amount of $3,000 will be available during the term of the scholarship to support attendance at an appropriate conference.

Payment of the scholarship award will be made in instalments on a schedule set by Universities NZ.

Payments are dependent on positive and satisfactory progress reports from the scholars' primary doctoral supervisor being received by Universities NZ.

Application

Applications must be made through the Universities NZ online scholarship application system - https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com/Login.aspx

The closing date is 1 September (NZDT).

The on-line application will request and applicants must provide:

- proof of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.
- a statement describing their proposed research project, indicating the university or other approved research institution at which the programme of study is to be undertaken.
- the names of two referees who have been asked to provide confidential references.
- their curriculum vitae, which should include a summary of their non-academic activities and interests, and of any community activities or leadership roles.
- such other information as seems pertinent to the application or which may from time to time be required by the Scholarship Board.

The on-line application form will prompt the applicant to request a copy of their academic transcript from their New Zealand university.

Research proposals and arrangements will often still be in development and so details included in the application may be tentative; the Scholarship Board will nevertheless look for some evidence of research experience and of maturity in the overall approach to the subject being proposed.

In view of the significance of the research project to the criteria for the scholarship, applicants may wish to alter or add to their research proposal after their application has been submitted.

Any such additional or amended information should be sent to the Scholarships Manager at Universities New Zealand no later than 15 September for subsequent assessment by the Scholarship Board.

Selection and criteria

The Scholarship Board will invite shortlisted candidates for an interview in October or November.

For those candidates invited for an interview all reasonable travel expenses within New Zealand will be met by The Todd Foundation.

In considering candidates for the award the Scholarship Board will take into account:

- exceptional academic strength and strong enthusiasm for the intended area of research.
- support for the research - internal university support, including supervision and resources, and any external support for the provision of necessary resources.
- evidence of a collaborative approach is of value.

The Scholarship Board's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection and interviews.

Scholarship Board

The Scholarship Board consists of four members:

1. the Chair of The Todd Foundation or their nominee.
2. a nominee of The Todd Foundation.
3. the Convenor of the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee or their nominee.
4. a professor or equivalent from a New Zealand university with expertise in the field of the scholarship.

Reports

During their tenure of the scholarship reports are required from the scholar and from their primary doctoral supervisor.

These must be submitted to Universities NZ every six months and should report on the scholar's progress and achievements.

The scholar and/or their supervisor may be invited to meet with the Todd Foundation to discuss the progress of the scholar's doctoral research.

One copy of the doctoral is to be lodged with Universities New Zealand for subsequent forwarding to the Chairman of The Todd Foundation.

Suspension or termination

The Scholarship Board may at any time agree to suspend or terminate payments if the members are satisfied that the scholar is not diligently pursuing the agreed research programme or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded.

A scholarship shall be terminated and no further payments shall be made if a scholar ceases to pursue the agreed programme.

Positions of emolument

Scholars are normally required to devote their whole time during the tenure of the award to their research programme but may with the approval of the Scholarship Board undertake a limited amount of teaching at their institution.

Co-tenure

Todd Energy Scholars may hold other scholarships, awards or prizes but only on such terms and conditions determined by the Scholarship Board.

Intellectual property

The ownership of intellectual property would normally reside with the institution providing facilities for and/or supervising the award holder.

In the absence of an identifiable institution the award holder will negotiate with The Todd Foundation through Universities NZ a suitable arrangement over the ownership of intellectual property.

The Todd Foundation wishes the benefits of all intellectual property to be retained in New Zealand.

Power to vary conditions

The Scholarship Board may make, amplify, vary or rescind all or any of the conditions or regulations relating to the said scholarship and the granting and tenure thereof specified in the preceding clauses and add any further or substitute other conditions, provided that no such conditions shall be inconsistent with the general purpose of The Todd Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship in Energy Research.

Publicity

Scholars will agree to have their name and image published and be available for interviews with the media if required.