The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Scholarship

**Code:** 380  
**Faculty:** Engineering  
**Applicable study:** Part III and Part IV of BE(Hons) (see Note ii)  
**Closing date:** 15 April  
**Tenure:** 1 year  
**For:** Study Assistance  
**Number on offer:** 3  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** Up to $3,000

**Description**

The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) is a world-wide 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 well-bores 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 areas.

The specific goals of offering the scholarship are to:

a) promote student interest in the application of engineering principles to the ongoing development of the oil and gas industry.

b) provide an awareness of the petroleum industry in New Zealand.

c) to encourage students to seek career opportunities in New Zealand within the Oil and Gas industry.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office  
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications  
- Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview  
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

**Regulations**

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Scholarship.

2. Three scholarships will be awarded annually to students studying at New Zealand universities and will have the value of $3,000.

3. The Scholarship will be held in one of the Departments of Chemical and Materials Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering or Engineering Science at the University of Auckland by fulltime students who are enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for Part III and Part IV of the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree.

4. The tenure of the Scholarship shall be for one year and will be a contribution towards the financial costs incurred
whilst studying.

5. The Scholarship is tenable by a student who is a New Zealand citizen.

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee consisting of the Dean of Engineering (or nominee), Associate Dean (Undergraduate) of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee) and one representative from SPE.

7. In recommending an award the Selection Committee will take account of the following factors: academic achievement; character, leadership potential and social skills; the candidate’s potential contribution to the Oil and Gas industry; in New Zealand; future career plans and/or intention for future study.

8. The scholarship may be held concurrently with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

9. The University of Auckland Council (in consultation with the Donor) has power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Dean of Engineering.

10. In the event a recipient does not comply with these regulations, the Donor may seek full or part reimbursement of scholarship monies (see Note II).

11. The Selection Committee may refrain from recommending an award if it finds no candidate(s) of sufficient merit.

12. The University of Auckland has power to amend or vary these Regulations (in consultation with the Donor) provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 April in the year of the award.

14. Notes [I]-[II] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Before the end of the tenure, SPE will assist recipients in finding summer vacation employment within the Oil and Gas industry.

II. As a key component of this scholarship is a summer placement in the Oil and Gas industry, enabling students to gain exposure to this industry before making career choices, this scholarship is not available to students in their last year of study, unless they intend to carry on with postgraduate studies (see Reg.10).