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 including value to New Zealand.

Conditions of Eligibility
Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or hold New Zealand Permanent Residency. 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.

Payments of the scholarship award will be made six-monthly and are dependent on positive and satisfactory reports on progress from the institution at which the scholar is studying.

Value
The value of the scholarship is $25,000 per annum, to include tuition fees.

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

Every person who wishes to be considered for The Todd Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship in Energy Research should complete an application using the Universities NZ on-line scholarships application website:

[Website Link]

The closing date by which applications must be complete, with references included, and submitted through the on-line website is 1 September in the year before taking up the scholarship.

The on-line application process will request and candidates must provide:

a) proof of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.

b) a statement of the candidate’s proposed research project or programme indicating the university or other approved research institution at which the programme of study is to be undertaken.

c) the names and addresses of two referees who have been asked to provide confidential references.

d) the candidate’s curriculum vitae.

e) such other information as seems pertinent to the application or which may from time to time be required by the Scholarship Board.

A copy of the candidate’s academic transcript can be provided by the candidate’s New Zealand university.

Research proposals and arrangements will often be still in development and so details included in the on-line application may be tentative.

In view of the significance of the research project to the criteria for the scholarship, candidates may wish to alter or add to their research proposal. Any such additional or amended information should be sent to the Scholarships Manager at Universities New Zealand by September 15 for subsequent assessment by the Scholarship Board.

Selection and Criteria

The Scholarship Board will invite short-listed candidates for an interview in October or November of each year.

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 necessary external support for the provision of necessary resources.
- evidence of a collaborative approach is of value.

The selection committee’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

Scholarship Board

The Scholarship Board will consist of five members:

a) the Chairperson of The Todd Foundation or their nominee.

b) a nominee of The Todd Foundation.

c) the Convenor of the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee or their nominee.

d) a Professor, or equivalent, from a New Zealand university with expertise in the field of the scholarship.

e) A senior professional practitioner in the field of the scholarship, recommended by the Todd Foundation and appointed by Universities New Zealand.

Reports

The scholar’s doctoral supervisor will provide the Scholarships Manager of Universities NZ with six-monthly reports on the scholar’s progress.

Reports from the scholar outlining their own achievements after receiving the scholarship are also invited.

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

One copy of any thesis written is to be lodged with Universities New Zealand for subsequent forwarding to the Chairman of The Todd Foundation.
Suspension or Termination

Following consultation, the Scholarship Board may at any time suspend or terminate any scholarship emolument as may be determined, if the Board is 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; and 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 shall normally be required to devote their whole time during the tenure of the award to their research programme but may undertake a limited amount of teaching as the Scholarship Board may determine in each case.

Co-tenure

Award holders may hold other scholarships, awards or prizes only on such terms and conditions as the Scholarship Board shall determine in each case.

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 the Convenor of the Scholarship Board 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.