

# Mercury NZ Renewable Energy Research Bursary

## Bursary Regulations

### **Focus**

Renewable Energy

### **Level of Study**

Postgraduate Research

### **Background**

Renewable electricity is key to reaching New Zealand's goals of decarbonising our economy and addressing climate change. Mercury's mission, which guides us in what we do and why, is Energy Freedom: Aotearoa New Zealand being stronger economically and more sustainable through better use of homegrown, renewable energy.

Mercury generates electricity from 100% renewable sources: wind, hydro and geothermal. We currently generate electricity on the hillsides of the Manawatū (wind), along the Waikato River (hydro) and nearby steamfields of the northern part of the Central Plateau (geothermal). We reap the wind in other parts of New Zealand too (Taranaki and Southland).

To recognise and celebrate our presence in the landscape and communities of the Manawatū, including the wind turbines located on the Massey University Tuapaka Research Farm, Mercury NZ is 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 with a research component which aligns with the scholarship intent.

Preference given to students with research projects of relevance to:

- generation or efficient use of energy, particularly renewable 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 Selection Committee on the recommendation of the Applied Science Scholarships Committee, College of Sciences, who will discuss suitable applicants with a representative from Mercury NZ.

## **Conditions of the Bursary**

Previous recipients are eligible to reapply for the bursary

If your application is successful and you accept the grant you agree to participate in any publicity generated by Mercury (or Mercury's marketing partners), and to the use of your name and the project that the grant has been awarded for promotional purposes.

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 normally be in May.