



This document outlines the obligations of the sponsor companies and bursary holders associated with the Power Engineering Bursary awarded by the Australian Power Institute (API).

The API bursaries are sponsored by API member power engineering companies across Australia. These companies are listed on the API website at www.api.edu.au.

The API bursary is not associated with an individual sponsor. There is no obligation on the bursary holders (BH) or the sponsors with regard to employment on completion of the engineering degree.

Sponsors Obligations

The sponsors have each agreed to make available appropriate vacation employment assignment and to pay the BH a fair wage for the duration of the assignment. BH should contact the Coordinating University Contact in each State who will assist with arranging vacation placements, and you should then contact sponsors directly for further information on conditions of employment. The assignments will be at one of the sponsor's locations, generally within the State of the BH's university. The sponsors and API will attempt to satisfy BH's preferences when allocating vacation assignments. However, they cannot guarantee to meet the preferences.

Sponsors will provide advice to BH about travel and accommodation options for the particular location associated with each assignment. The sponsors will only consider financial support for travel and accommodation (at their discretion) where the assignment is not located in a capital city or a major regional centre.

Sponsors will make reasonable efforts to assist BH in identifying a final year thesis project. The thesis will still be carried out under the supervision of a university academic, but there may be provision for collaboration with one of the sponsor's engineers.

Bursary Holders Obligations

BH must meet the following requirements during the term of the bursary. A failure to meet any of the identified requirements may result in the cancellation of the bursary, including cessation of payments and sponsor obligations.

1. BH must remain enrolled in a four year full time engineering degree at a university approved by API and in a discipline appropriate to power engineering, such as electrical or mechanical engineering and related sub disciplines, as determined by API.
2. BH must demonstrate continuing alignment with power engineering throughout their undergraduate course, for example through their subject and elective choices, vacation assignments and thesis topic selection, as outlined below.
3. BH must choose electives that are relevant to power engineering. The sponsors will provide advice on appropriate electives, if requested.
4. BH must maintain a good academic standard throughout their engineering course. If their cumulative grade average falls below a credit (60%), BH may be asked to show cause as to why the bursary should not be cancelled.
5. API strongly encourages BH to apply for vacation employment with a sponsor during each long vacation, and to seek vacation employment with at least two different sponsors during the bursary. This will broaden BH's undergraduate experience and give them exposure to a number of potential employers.

6. BH must not accept other scholarships or bursaries that would preclude them from undertaking vacation employment or permanent employment upon graduation with the sponsors e.g. bonded scholarships. However, BH are not be precluded from accepting merit awards such as university or industry prizes that carry no obligation with respect to vacation employment or professional employment upon graduation.
7. API and individual sponsors provide opportunities each year for BH to meet and interact with industry engineers and managers. This is highly valued by both parties and all BH are expected to participate in these functions, which are conducted on a very informal basis for maximum benefit. At least one function will be arranged early each year at a venue in the State of the BH's university.
8. BH may also be asked to participate in other occasional promotional events, such as Career Fairs and University Open Days at their university. API encourages BH to promote power engineering as an exciting career at local high schools, by relating their experiences to students in years 10 to 12. The API will assist in providing resource material for these visits.
9. By accepting this bursary BH are also giving permission to their university to provide API with their university results, and also information to demonstrate their alignment of course selections with Power Engineering.