

Skills Boost for Old Energy Industry

Eleven Queensland university students have been granted bursaries to support their studies in power engineering as part of an industry-wide push to strengthen the state's energy industry skills base. The Power Engineering Alliance, an industry-wide partnership that includes Queensland Government owned corporations Powerlink Queensland, ENERGEX, Ergon Energy, Tarong Energy and CS Energy, aims to improve Queensland's access to engineering graduates with power industry skills through a range of initiatives in conjunction with the state's leading universities. The Power Engineering Bursaries were presented to students from the University of Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology. The bursary recipients will benefit from work experience during vacation periods in the Queensland power industry to help broaden their knowledge and understanding of the industry and strengthen their capabilities. QUT Faculty of Environment & Engineering executive dean Martin Betts says the industry-sponsored bursaries reinforced the message to prospective students that excellent employment opportunities exist for power engineering graduates. "By supporting the development of graduates with specialised power engineering skills we can recognise the high-quality graduates who might 'best fit' the future requirements of the industry," Professor Dean says. "Undergraduate students who are studying fields of engineering relevant to the electricity industry are eligible for the bursary which is valued at \$8000 over a four-year period," Dean adds. The Power Engineering Bursary sponsors established the Power Engineering Bursary in collaboration with the Queensland University of Technology, the University of Queensland and Central Queensland University.

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