Powering the Future: Guide for Membership

Investing in the next generation of engineers for the Electricity Supply Industry

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Join Us

The Aruhiko Power Engineering Excellence Trust was established to **empower those who will shape Aotearoa New Zealand's energy future**. The educational purpose of the Trust is to encourage students to study power engineering through a combination of financial and practical support from industry. **The time to join is now.**

A unique academic-industry partnership

Aruhiko PEET supports a partnership between Aotearoa New Zealand's electricity supply industry and both the University of Canterbury and the University of Auckland. The academic institutions support the education curriculum through their BE(Hons) Electrical Engineering programmes while industry brings real-world experience through support of field trips, site visits, internships and career events.

This sharing of responsibility, knowledge and opportunity between academia and industry provides a valuable professional experience for students as the next generation of power engineers. This unique combination deepens students' understanding of the electricity supply industry and helps to identify opportunities for them in transitioning to be part of the future workforce.

Shared purpose

Our membership is keen to invest more in the next generation of power engineers to further develop and expand the talent pipeline. Having the support of new members increases our ability to scale our programme.

Our mission is to support the future industry workforce by helping to make electricity supply industry careers visible and attractive to the next generation of engineers. By being a member, organisations can share in this vision and support students in their career aspirations and journey to industry participation.

Impact and scale

With over 23 years of experience and over 340 student scholars since its inception in 2002, Aruhiko PEET has invested over $1M NZD in scholarship funding alone in supporting power engineering scholars.

The 2025 scholar cohort included 46 scholars with 40 scholars at University of Canterbury (UC) and an inaugural 6 scholars at the University of Auckland (UoA). This is our biggest cohort ever and was supported by annual donations from our 32 industry members. The ability to leverage a modest philanthropic investment from each member to achieve this scale of impact in the talent pipeline for the industry is the key to our collective success.

Benefits of being part of Aruhiko PEET

Aruhiko PEET represents all parts of the electricity supply industry including generation, transmission, distribution, consulting, contracting and industry associations.

Joining Aruhiko PEET is a philanthropic and practical way to invest both in the good of the whole industry and the specific benefit of your organisation in three key ways:

1. Wider benefits: support the industry talent pipeline.
2. Direct benefits: connect with your future workforce.
3. Membership benefits: join in a way to suit your organisation.

"Receiving the Aruhiko PEET Scholarship and attending field trips to sites like Manapōuri and Benmore were pivotal in shaping my career. Before studying, I had no industry connections. The scholarship, mentorship and industry events gave me the inspiration and confidence to step into the power sector. Now, in my graduate role at Meridian, I return to the same sites, this time as part of a job I love."

Alice Fahy
Graduate Electrical Engineer
Meridian Energy

Why Become a Member of Aruhiko PEET?

Membership offers a unique opportunity to invest in the future of the electricity supply industry while gaining direct access to emerging talent and shaping the direction of the Trust. Whether you're a larger national or smaller regional organisation, there's a membership tier to suit your goals.

Benefit		Membership Tier			
		Premium Member	Contributing Member	Supporting Member	Associate Member
1.	**Wider benefits: support the industry talent pipeline**				
1.1	Join a unified industry effort to secure the future power engineering workforce.	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.2	Contribute to the future industry workforce through a collective investment in the next generation of engineers.				
1.3	Amplify your impact through collective investment and shared resources.				
1.4	Raise the industry profile across student communities while advancing the industry diversity objectives.				
2.	**Direct benefits: connect with your future workforce**				
2.1	Promote your company and improve recognition with students at UC and UoA and across many disciplines.	✓	✓	✓	✓
2.2	Host site visits and field trips to connect directly with students and showcase your operations.	✓	✓	✓	✓
2.3	Recruit students through targeted advertisement of internships and graduate roles.	✓	✓	✓	✓
2.4	Option to directly sponsor Year 1 students aligned to corporate preferences or regions of interest.	✓	✓	✓	X
2.5	Option to directly sponsor Year 2 – Year 4 students aligned to corporate preferences or regions of interest.	✓ unlimited	✓ three	✓ one	X
3.	**Membership benefits: join in a way to suit your organisation**				
3.1	Tiered membership options to suit size of your organisation and level of donation preference.	Large organisation at $23,000 NZD	Medium organisation at $11,500 NZD	Small organisation at $6,900 NZD	From $1,000 to <$6,900 NZD
3.2	Your logo represented on social media and marketing collateral, positioning reflecting membership tiers.	Large and top	Medium and high	Small and middle	Small and low
3.3	Options for membership of subsidiaries at no cost within the higher levels of donation.	✓ unlimited	✓ one	X	X
3.4	Help shape the Trust's direction through Board representation and trustee elections.	✓ 2x votes in Trustee election	✓ 1x vote in Trustee election	✓ 1x vote in Trustee election	X
3.5	Charitable benefits including tax benefits, attaining corporate philanthropic objectives or support community outreach programmes.	✓	✓	✓	✓

Your Connection to the Aruhiko PEET Community

Annual Programme of Events

Academic Period	Approx. Dates	Event
Term 1	March	Year 1 Scholar Welcome (UC)
Term 1	End March/Start April	Undergraduate Scholarships close (UC and UoA)
Mid-Semester Break	April	Regional Field Trips (1-day)
Term 2	May	Undergraduate Scholars Welcome (UC and UoA)
Mid-Year Break	July	Power Systems Field Trip (4-day either North or South Island)
Term 3	July	Power Careers Events - Graduate and Internship Convention (UC) and Grad and Intern Expo (UoA)
Term 3	July/August	Power Careers Events - Industry Lunchtime Sessions (UC)
Term 3	July/August	Industry Mentors (UC and UoA)
Mid-Semester Break	September	Regional Field Trips (1-day)
Term 4	September/October	Industry Mentors (UC and UoA)
Term 4	October	Scholarship Award Events (UC and UoA)

Key: UoA – University of Auckland, UC – University of Canterbury

Our members

Premium Members

contact, Meridian, unison, TRANSPOWER, IEEE PES Power & Energy Society, Orion, vector

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AECOM, Alpine Energy, Beca, eea, Electricity Authority Te Mana Hiko, Marlborough Lines, Northpower

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Associate Members

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