

The Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia is offering a postgraduate scholarship to eligible students currently conducting research in an energy geoscience related project within Australia. The award, known as the Horstman Federal Postgraduate Scholarship, consists of an annual prize of \$5000 to the successful recipient as part of PESA's program to promote and encourage subsurface energy geoscience research and education in Australia.

This award is open to:

Postgraduate research students enrolled in a PhD or Masters program at a recognised Australian tertiary institution. Research topics must have a subsurface energy geoscience focus and have direct relevance to the exploration, development or production of energy resources and/or energy transition in Australia.

Eligibility

The PESA Horstman Federal Postgraduate Scholarship is open to students who, at the application deadline are:

- Enrolled in a PhD (full or part time) or Masters program at a recognised Australian tertiary institution.
- Conducting research in a subsurface energy geoscience project with the area of study located in Australia. The scope of eligible geoscience research projects includes studies in conventional and unconventional petroleum, carbon capture and storage (geosequestration) and new energy resources (eg hydrogen) which are relevant to the exploration, development or production of subsurface energy resources and/or energy transition in Australia. Critical minerals geoscience projects which are applicable to domestic energy transition will also be considered eligible.
- A current member of PESA with participation in PESA events.

Scholarship Allowance

This scholarship offers an award of \$5000 (\$2500 for part time candidates) to support the student for a period of one year. After the first year, the successful recipient is eligible to reapply for the scholarship in a subsequent year.

PESA Membership

Postgraduate students are eligible for student membership (free of charge) and can sign up through the PESA website (www.pesa.com.au). Students wishing to be considered for the PESA Scholarship for the current year need to be current members at the time of application for the award. Where possible, student participation in PESA events will be highly regarded and the level of involvement may be verified with the applicant's local PESA Branch.

Selection Procedure

Applications will be assessed by the PESA Education and Awards Sub-Committee and the winning candidate ratified by the Federal PESA board. Short listed candidates may be interviewed by videoconference. The successful applicant will be formally notified by email.

The scholarship award will be presented at a technical luncheon or evening event hosted by the winning applicant's respective state branch.

Conditions of the scholarship

1. A requirement of the award will be for the recipient to provide a short article the PESA Gazette on his/her research activities.
2. Prior to or upon completion of the term of the scholarship, the recipient will also be required to present an overview of his/her project at a branch technical event and at a PESA Webinar (when some results from the project become available).

How To Apply

Applicants must include the following in their application:

- A completed Application Form;
- CV/resume;
- Proof of enrolment in a recognised Australian tertiary institution.
- A certified copy of their Tertiary Academic Record;
- A cover letter outlining how their geoscience research project is relevant to the exploration, development, or production of subsurface energy resources or applicable to energy transition within Australia (maximum 1 page);
- A project summary/proposal;
- Name of a referee who is an Active PESA member within their local branch.

Completed application forms and accompanying documentation should be emailed to:

Federal PESA Education - Programs and Scholarships Sub-Committee:
Email: education@pesa.com.au

Closing date for applications is COB Friday 17th October, 2025.

It is important that the application is completed in full as incomplete applications may affect your chance of selection.

APPLICATION FORM

Please send this completed application form together with the additional documents, listed in the accompanying guidelines, to:

Federal PESA Education – Programs and Scholarships Sub-Committee,
Email: education@pesa.com.au

PESA MEMBERSHIP: ☐ Current

Membership ID #

FAMILY NAME:

GIVEN NAME(S):

POSTAL ADDRESS: Street:

Suburb:

State:

Post code:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

TERTIARY INSTITUTION:

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT:

NAME OF DEGREE:

MAJOR:

ENROLMENT DATE:

COMPLETION DATE:

SOURCES of RESEARCH FUNDING

HEAD OF SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

The awards are determined by the Federal PESA Education – Programs and Scholarships Sub-Committee. The committee's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please complete the below checklist to confirm your application is complete. ALL information MUST be supplied with the application.

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| Application form complete | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A certified copy of Tertiary academic record provided | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cover Letter provided | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CV/ Resume | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Project Summary/Proposal | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PESA Referee – Active Member (local branch) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of enrolment
(copy of dated student card or enrolment form) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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