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AusNet Services Offers Scholarships to Women Studying Power Engineering

For the second year, AusNet Services, in partnership with Deakin University, is offering three 'Women in Power Engineering' Scholarships to the value of \$10,000 annually for each.

The AusNet Services Women in Power Engineering Scholarships aim to encourage and support women to achieve tertiary qualifications in power engineering, preparing them for diverse and rewarding careers in the dynamic energy industry.

AusNet Services' Managing Director, Nino Ficca, said the company is committed to increasing gender diversity in the energy industry, especially in the vastly under-represented power engineering profession.

"AusNet Services is part of a diverse and changing energy industry that offers a fulfilling community-minded career," Nino said.

"The three women who will be successful in this round of scholarships may be part of the future of power generation, management and distribution," Nino added.

One of the current scholarship holders, Megan Bentvelzen, first found out about the Women in Power Engineering Scholarships by visiting Deakin University's open day at Waurn Ponds last year.

"Speaking to the AusNet Services' representatives at last year's Deakin Open day provided me with valuable information about a career in power engineering and the scholarship," Megan said.

"The scholarship and the ongoing support that AusNet Services offers me has been life changing.

"I encourage other young women who think they might be interested in power engineering to visit the AusNet Services stand at Deakin University's Open Day at the Waurn Ponds campus on Sunday, 21 August."

Professor Ian Gibson, Dean of Engineering in the Faculty of Science, Engineering and the Built Environment at Deakin University said that the first three scholarship recipients are thriving, especially due to the generous scholarship program AusNet Services offers.

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“We look forward to applications for the next round of scholarships and visitors to our open days. Scholarship recipients will benefit from studying at our new Centre for Advanced Design in Engineering Training (CADET) at Waurin Ponds, where they will have access to some of the best future-focused engineering and design facilities in Australia,” Professor Gibson said.

Subject to criteria, up to three scholarships will be awarded to successful female applicants entering Deakin’s Bachelor of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Honours) degree. Each scholarship is valued at \$10,000 per year over the normal duration of the course and also includes vocation work and mentoring.

For more information, visit deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/scholarships-and-awards

Deakin University will also provide an opportunity for prospective students to visit the Burwood Campus on **Sunday 28 August, openday.deakin.edu.au**

About AusNet Services

AusNet Services is Victoria’s largest energy delivery service, owning and operating approximately \$11 billion of electricity and gas distribution and transmission assets that connect into more than 1.3 million Victorian homes and businesses.

Based in Melbourne, AusNet Services employs more than 2,200 people, including its Select Solutions and Geomatic Technologies businesses, and is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: AST) and Singapore Exchange.

About Deakin University

Deakin is Australia’s eighth largest University, with more than 50,000 students, including a third choosing to study wholly in the cloud, and a deep commitment to equity and employability. Deakin has achieved the highest level of overall student satisfaction amongst Victorian universities for five consecutive years.

The University is ranked in the top 3% of universities across all three of the major international university ranking systems: the Academic Ranking of World Universities, Times Higher Education World University Rankings and the QS World University Rankings.