WHAT THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES

The BHP Billiton Petroleum Engineering Excellence Scholarship for 2015 will provide the following support for the remaining expected duration of the Bachelor of Petroleum Engineering for up to a maximum of 3 years:

1) A total value of up to $60,000 paid as a cash stipend of $10,000 per semester. The stipend can be used at your discretion to contribute towards educational related expenses.
2) This cash payment is made in exchange for six months of unpaid vacation work with BHP Billiton Petroleum over a three year period (three months at the end of the second and third years of study). Vacation work is to be arranged between BHP Billiton Petroleum and the scholarship recipient.

*The expected duration of the scholarship is based on recipients undertaking a full-time study load of 200 credits per year. Any study that is taken over and above the expected duration of your initial degree will not be covered.

If you receive a Centrelink payment, you should declare to Centrelink any scholarships you are awarded.

The Australian Tax Office has a “Is your scholarship taxable?” tool on their website to help you determine if your scholarship is taxable. For expert advice please contact the Australian Taxation Office (www.ato.gov.au) or your accountant.

CONDITIONS THAT NEED TO BE MET TO KEEP YOUR SCHOLARSHIP

1) Deferral of this scholarship is not permitted.
2) Unless there are exceptional circumstances you must:
   - Remain enrolled in a Bachelor of Engineering (Petroleum).
   - Maintain a full-time enrolment of 100 credits per semester at Curtin University. If any study is undertaken below 100 credits per semester, you are required to seek approval for this change from the Scholarships Office who will assess your request in consultation with a representative of BHP Billiton Petroleum.
   - Remain eligible for a Commonwealth Supported place at Curtin University (this means you must be an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian or a New Zealand citizen) and be residing in Australia.
   - Maintain a course weighted average (CWA) of at least 75 and no individual unit average of less than 70. Academic monitoring of scholarship recipients will occur each semester.
   - Pass all enrolled units each semester.
   - Fully achieve expectations during the vacation work component of this scholarship as assessed by BHP Billiton Petroleum.
   - Partake in the Curtin Leadership Centre Self-Leadership stream, and/or the Team Leadership stream, and/or the John Curtin Leadership Academy stream. Note: entry to the John Curtin Leadership Academy is via competitive application process only.
   - Be willing to be interviewed and have photos taken for the purpose of media opportunities that promote the scholarship.
3) Leave of absence is not permitted
4) You are ineligible to apply for or receive any other industry funded scholarships whilst in receipt of the BHP Billiton Petroleum Engineering Excellence Scholarship.
5) If you cease studies at Curtin, either voluntarily (e.g. by withdrawing from course or units) or involuntarily (e.g. termination from course due to unsatisfactory course progress or suspension, termination or expulsion due to misconduct), you will become ineligible for continuation of this scholarship. The scholarship will cease immediately and you will be required to repay any stipend awarded for the most recent study period.
6) The BHP Billiton Petroleum Engineering Excellence Scholarship has been awarded for a Bachelor of Petroleum Engineering at Curtin University and is not transferable into any other course, major or university.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, if you have unsatisfactory progress or breach the scholarship conditions, you shall be ineligible to retain the scholarship. If you do not meet all the conditions outlined, you may be placed on a breached status which would provide an opportunity for you to improve your grades in the next semester exams. This opportunity would occur only once for the duration of the scholarship.

Exceptional circumstances must be forwarded in writing to the Scholarships Office, along with supporting documentation (e.g. medical, counselling. Requests will then be assessed by the Scholarships Office in consultation with a representative of BHP Billiton Petroleum and you will be notified of the outcome once a decision has been reached.

PAYMENTS

The BHP Billiton Petroleum Engineering Excellence Scholarship will commence from semester 1, 2015.
Cash payments of $10,000 will be paid to your nominated bank account each semester.

Cash payments are based on full-time enrolment of 100 credits per semester.

First and second semester payments will occur post census dates (thus approx. mid-end April and mid-end Sept dependant on the receipt of funding from external sponsor). First scholarship payment will be made approximately early May.

**Note:** Your scholarship payment will appear on your bank statement with the reference as follows: DEPOSIT CONCUR TECHNOLOG CP####################.

Student to Initial Here ______
SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT

☐ I have read, understood and accept the attached terms and conditions governing the BHP Billiton Petroleum Engineering Excellence Scholarship and I agree to abide by these conditions and obligations outlined therein.

☐ I accept your offer of the BHP Billiton Petroleum Engineering Excellence Scholarship under the conditions specified.

☐ I understand that if I fail to meet my obligations as outlined in the terms and conditions or change any of the below course or major information without prior approval from the Scholarships Office, I risk my scholarship being terminated. Should this occur, I understand I will not be eligible to receive the semester cash payment or the opportunity for vacation employment for the remainder of my studies with Curtin University.

☐ I understand and agree that details relating to my enrolment, academic record and contact information will be made available to BHP Billiton Petroleum for the purposes of on-going scholarship administration.

☐ I confirm that I do not currently hold any other industry sponsored scholarships that BHP Billiton Petroleum and Curtin University are not aware of and I understand I must not apply for or receive any other industry sponsored scholarships whilst receiving the BHP Billiton Petroleum Engineering Excellence Scholarship.

☐ I consent to the collection, use, storage and disclosure of my personal information by Curtin University in connection with the scholarship, including (without limitation) for the administration of the BHP Billiton Petroleum Engineering Excellence Scholarship, Curtin University’s general administrative purposes which includes communications involving surveys, the availability of courses, alumni activity, newsletters and promoting the scholarships program through any medium whatsoever (including, without limitation, through advertisements, posters, books, articles, social media websites and on the world wide web generally) for public relations, promotional, commercial and advertising purposes.

Curtin Student Number: 

Student Full Name:

I am currently enrolled in the following course (please tick):

☐ Bachelor of Engineering (Petroleum Engineering)

Student Signature: _________________________________   Date: _________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________   Date: _________________________________

(Parent/Guardian signature required for student’s under 18 years of age)