ScottishPower Foundation announce scholarships — apply now

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The ScottishPower Foundation is calling on undergraduates keen to progress their careers in the energy and environment industry to apply for its Masters Scholarships programme as it announces 28 new grants will be awarded for the 2017/18 academic year.

Scholarship places are open to degree holders and graduates. Those who are awarded will receive grants to cover enrolment costs for the Masters as well as a generous living allowance. Students from a range of disciplines will be considered for the sought-after positions, including those looking to study renewable and sustainable energy systems, clean combustion technologies, electric vehicles, and smart distribution networks.

This year, in recognition of an increase in demand for new technology roles within the industry, the programme will also incorporate degrees such as information & communication technology (ICT), cybersecurity and big data management.

Scholarship will be available at seven of the UK's most prestigious institutions including, University of Cambridge, University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, University of Strathclyde, University of Liverpool, University of East Anglia and Imperial College London. Two places will be available to students wishing to study at selected Spanish universities.

Since it was launched in 2010, the ScottishPower Foundation

has invested more than £850,000 in the programme but 2017 is set to be the biggest funding year yet with approximately £700,000 being invested.

Applications for the programme are open now and close on Friday, 7 April at 1pm.

Michael Bush, an alumnus of the programme, said: "From start to finish, the ScottishPower Foundation Scholarships programme was a truly brilliant experience. If I had gone straight into the working world, I doubt I would have had the same valuable lessons and advice so early on in my career. Having the financial support from the ScottishPower Foundation meant I was able to focus on the task in hand and I would encourage anyone thinking about a future in the energy sector to apply."

Keith Anderson, Trustee of ScottishPower Foundation, commented: "There is no doubt that the future of the energy industry lies in the hands of our bright young people and the ScottishPower Foundation is committed to supporting the advancement of their education. We're delighted to be bringing back the Scholarships programme on a bigger scale than ever before, it presents a huge opportunity for graduates and we're really excited to see where it takes them in their careers."

Further details on the ScottishPower Foundation Scholarship programme can be found at: <u>LINK</u>