2019 NTGS / PESA Student Prize for the Best Northern Territory-focussed Petroleum Geoscience Research Project

A prize of $1,000 is offered for the best Honours, Masters or PhD thesis, submitted in 2019 and which focuses on the petroleum geoscience of Northern Territory. PhD’s achieved by publication and awarded in 2019 are also eligible.

The student must have been enrolled at a South Australian or Northern Territory Tertiary Institution while undertaking their research and must intend to make a career either in the upstream petroleum industry or in petroleum-related geoscience research.

Assessment of the applications is based on the academic excellence of the research, its contribution to the understanding of Northern Territory petroleum geoscience and the comments of the referee\supervisor.

PRIZE VALUE $1,000

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM
1st September 2019

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS
31st December 2019 (4 pm Australian C.S.T.)

(NOTE: Applications received after the deadline cannot be considered).

For further information, speak to your Research Supervisor or contact Craig Barnes (Scholarship Sub-Committee, PESA SA-NT Branch) via telephone on (08) 8100 4900 or via e-mail at craigb@cooperenergy.com.au
The South Australia – Northern Territory Branch of the Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia makes annual awards to tertiary students working on topics directly related to the petroleum industry. These awards aim to provide support for students who are likely to enter the industry or petroleum-related academia upon graduation and to encourage research on topics pertinent to the petroleum industry.

The terms and conditions of this award are:

1. The SA-NT Branch of PESA will make one award per year, known as the Northern Territory Geological Survey (NTGS) / PESA Best Northern Territory Geoscience Research Project Prize.

2. The value of the prize will be $1,000. The Committee will award a maximum of one prize per year, and the prize cannot be shared. If the quality of the applications does not warrant awarding a prize, then no award will be made in that year.

3. No student may win the prize more than once.

4. Applicants must have been enrolled as a student at a South Australian or Northern Territory Tertiary Institution while undertaking their research and must have submitted their Honours, Masters or PhD thesis during 2019. In the case of a 'PhD by publication', the doctorate must have been awarded in 2019.

5. The research must have a Petroleum Geoscience focus with the Northern Territory as the study area.

6. The applicant must be a member of PESA; membership is available to students for free and recent graduates for a reduced fee.

7. The applicant must intend to make a career in the upstream petroleum industry or petroleum-related geoscience research, and must provide details within their supporting letter.

8. Applicants must meet all of the conditions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 above to be considered for the award.

9. Qualifying Applications will be assessed on three criteria:
   (i) The academic excellence of their research.
   (ii) The relevance of their research to the furthering of the understanding of Petroleum Geoscience in Northern Territory.
   (iii) Comments from the referee(s)/paper peer-reviewer and applicant.

10. For an application to be considered the following needs to be submitted to Craig Barnes at craigb@cooperenergy.com.au before the application close. Please mark the email as CONFIDENTIAL
   (i) Completed Form A,
   (ii) Completed Form B, with comments referee/supervisor who can attest to the quality of the applicant's thesis or published paper. Form B can be forward directly from referee to email address above.
   (iii) Abstract of thesis or published paper (if confidential redact commercially sensitive data/results).
   (iv) Supporting letter from the applicant outlining why their research should be considered for this award, the application of the research to further NT Petroleum Geoscience understanding and provide guidance as to their intent to remain in petroleum geoscience post studies.

11. An Awards Sub-Committee will be convened by the PESA SA-NT Branch Committee to review all applications for the award. Responsibility for the assessment of the applications and the selection of the student (if any) who wins the award rests with the Committee, whose decision will be final.

12. Applications close 4 pm Australian C.S.T. 31st December 2019. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.
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APPLICATION FORM A

To be completed by the student and forwarded together with an abstract of the thesis/published paper and supporting letter. The supporting letter should state why their research should be considered for this award, the application of the research to further NT Petroleum Geoscience understanding and provide guidance as to their intent to remain in petroleum geoscience post studies. These items need to be sent to Craig Barnes at craigb@cooperenergy.com.au (pdf scan) by 4.00 pm (Australian C.S.T) on 31st December 2019. Please mark the e-mail as CONFIDENTIAL.

NAME ..........................................................................................................

INSTITUTION ..............................................................................................

DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL ..................................................................................

SUPERVISOR ..............................................................................................

DEGREE ........................................................................................................

RESEARCH TOPIC .........................................................................................
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APPLICATION FORM B

To be completed by referee/supervisor who can attest to the quality of the applicant's thesis or published paper.

NAME/POSITION ............................................................................................................................

STUDENT NAME ..........................................................................................................................

INSTITUTION .................................................................................................................................

Please support the above application with comments on how the student's thesis/published paper ranks in comparison to others reviewed in 2019, why their research should be considered for this award, how this research furthers NT Petroleum Geoscience understanding, and any other information relevant to the assessment of this student (not to exceed one page). Please scan to PDF and forward directly to Craig Barnes at craigb@cooperenergy.com.au by 4.00 pm (Australian C.S.T) on 31st December 2019. Please mark the e-mail as CONFIDENTIAL.