1. BACKGROUND

Professional engineering is a world recognised career and provides students with the ability to work internationally. RMIT’s Electrical and Computer Engineering aims to produce high quality graduates and strongly believes that top performing VTAC students should consider this career option.

The Electrical and Computer Engineering’s Undergraduate Academic Merit Scholarships have been created to encourage high achievers to undertake an undergraduate program in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

2. ELIGIBILITY

This scholarship is open to students who:

- are classified as Local students (Australian Citizens, Australian Permanent Residents, New Zealand Citizens, or holders of a permanent humanitarian visa);
- are commencing a full time Bachelor of Engineering degree with Electrical and Computer Engineering in Semester 1 2011 (see above for list of programs);
- have/expect to achieve an ENTER score of 95 or above, and;
- do not have outstanding fees at RMIT.

3. SELECTION

Selection will be based on a combination of:

- ENTER score,
- academic achievement, and
- an interview (note only shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview).

The Selection Committee will be comprised of the Head of School, Deputy Head (Learning and Teaching), and Bachelor of Engineering Program Directors. Administrative support will be provided by the Learning and Teaching Coordinator.

Successful students will demonstrate high grade technical skills as well as complimentary communication and business skills.

4. CONDITIONS

3.1. Tenure of Award

i. The award is valid for a maximum of 2 years/4 semesters (full time) subject to the candidate maintaining satisfactory academic progress. (Please refer to http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/acadprogress for further information on the Academic Progress responsibility).

ii. The scholarship will be paid in 2 instalments per year following the 31 March and 31 August census dates.

iii. The scholarship will expire upon completion of 192 credit points of study.

iv. Continuation of the scholarship may be suspended or revoked by the Selection Committee should the recipient’s conduct or behaviour both on- or off-campus be considered likely to bring disgrace upon the scholarship, the University or the School.
v. Scholarship payments will be paused during periods of approved Leave of Absence.

vi. A scholarship will be terminated in any of the following circumstances:
   - If the student fails to maintain a full time enrolment;
   - At the end of the period of tenure provided for by the scholarship;
   - If the University is satisfied that the program of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the offer of scholarship;
   - When the student ceases enrolment without indication of a date at which enrolment will be resumed;
   - On cancellation of enrolment.

vii. If a scholarship is terminated, it will not be reactivated unless the termination occurred in error.

3.2 Transfer

An ECE Scholarship is valid only for enrolment with RMIT’s Electrical and Computer Engineering. They are not transferable to any other school, faculty, university or institution.

3.3 Other Awards

The scholarship holder may not hold more than one award or scholarship concurrently (excluding top up scholarships) unless approved by the Head of School, Electrical and Computer Engineering.

3.4 Other Courses

As ECE Scholarships are normally made for full-time study, the holder of such an award must not engage in any academic course of study leading to a qualification which is not an essential part of the award holder’s degree.

3.5 Student Charges

The candidate is required to pay all charges so levied by the University or the Commonwealth on the basis of being a full-time student.

3.9 Other Employment

Subject to approval by the Head of School or nominee, a candidate may be permitted to undertake a limited amount of employment, provided that such employment does not interfere with the award holder’s study program. Generally, the employment must not exceed eight (8) hours in any one week if the award holder is to retain status as a full-time student.

3.10 Obligations of Award Holder

The person to whom benefits under the Scholarship are being paid or are payable, is required to notify the School within seven days in writing if the person:
   - leaves Australia for reasons other than for approved overseas study, approved suspension or approved recreation leave;
   - discontinues full-time studies in the program;
   - is absent for any reason for a period of fourteen days or longer from the person’s place of study, except on approved recreation leave;
   - is granted a scholarship, bursary or similar award for a course of studies within or outside RMIT.