



## OPC scholarship 2011/2012

**For undergraduate students who have undertaken a placement in the oil or gas industries.**

**Oilfield Production Consultants (OPC)** is a globally renowned leader in the provision of professional expertise, management and support to the upstream exploration and production sector of the oil and gas industry.

This scholarship has been set up by the company's managing director, Nottingham alumnus Piers Johnson (Mechanical Engineering, 1979), to encourage current engineering students to consider a future career in the oil and gas industry.

### The award

The scholarship will be a single award of £2,500.

The scholarship will be awarded after the industrial placement and a successful interview. Two scholarships are available every year until 2015 (incl) \*.

Limited to one award per student.

*\*if a scholarship is not awarded in a particular year the funding will be carried forward to the following year*

### Eligibility criteria

Applicants must:

1. Currently be studying on a BEng/MEng/BSc degree in the Department of Civil Engineering; Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering; Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering; or the Department of Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Engineering at The University of Nottingham UK.
2. Preference will be given to UK Home students though EU/overseas students may apply.
3. Have spent time in the oil and gas industry either on a summer placement (minimum of 10 weeks) in the summer of 2012 or on a one-year placement (commencing 2011 and ending 2012), during their second year (BEng/BSc) or third year (MEng).
4. Must be returning into their third year of their BEng/BSc study, or the fourth year of their MEng study when applying for the scholarship.

### Application and selection

1. Students must complete and return the attached application form by **Wednesday 31 October 2012** to Jill Minter, Engineering Marketing Team, The University of Nottingham, Coates C15, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD or emailed to: [jill.minter@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:jill.minter@nottingham.ac.uk)
2. The University will contact the student's placement provider to confirm attendance and to seek a reference.
3. A reference will be sought from the student's University tutor.

4. Where a number of high-quality applications have been received it may be necessary for applicants to attend a short interview.
5. The University of Nottingham will advise Oilfield Production Consultants of the names of the successful scholars. The University of Nottingham and OPC have the right to publicise these names.
6. Scholarship recipients will be asked to submit a short report to OPC to: Summarise their experiences during the academic year; explain the progress they have made, and highlight what difference the award has made to them.
7. Scholarship recipients may also be invited to meet with the sponsor and to attend University events promoting the value of scholarships.

### **Finding a placement**

Students are expected to find and arrange their own placements within the oil and gas industries, however, there are external organisations available to help. These include:

#### **The Year in Industry**

The University of Nottingham  
 EDT Office  
 Coates C31  
 University Park  
 Nottingham NG7 2RD  
 t: 0115 951 6688  
 e: [l.forbes@etrust.org.uk](mailto:l.forbes@etrust.org.uk)  
 w: [www.yini.org.uk](http://www.yini.org.uk)

#### **Step**

Step Enterprise House  
 14-16 Bridgford Road  
 West Bridgford  
 Nottingham  
 NG2 6AB  
 t: 0844 2488 242  
 e: [students@step.org.uk](mailto:students@step.org.uk)  
 w: [www.step.org.uk](http://www.step.org.uk)

If you are taking time out of your studies to go on a placement, this must be agreed with your course tutor in advance of organising the placement.

Students completing a year in industry may also be eligible for the Industrial Placement Award. Providing students satisfy a number of criteria and successfully complete their degree, they will be awarded their degree 'with Industrial Placement Award' and at graduation will receive an additional certificate from the Faculty for this qualification.

For further information about placements and the Industrial Placement Award please contact:

Rachel Ramsden  
 T: 0115 951 3993  
 E: [Rachel.Ramsden@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Rachel.Ramsden@nottingham.ac.uk)

For further information about the OPC scholarship, please contact:

Jill Minter  
 T: 0115 951 3629  
 E: [Jill.Minter@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Jill.Minter@nottingham.ac.uk)

For further information about careers in the oil and gas industry contact:

Piers Johnson, Managing Director, Oilfield Production Consultants (OPC) Ltd  
 E: [piers@opc.co.uk](mailto:piers@opc.co.uk)



In no more than **250 words** please explain why you think you would be a suitable candidate for this award, what you gained from your placement and why you are interested in working in the oil and gas industry.

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