

# Energy Consumers Australia Gill Owen Scholarship

*Application Guide 2018*

The **Gill Owen Scholarship** supports an individual to travel internationally to research innovative ideas and initiatives that will be relevant to improving outcomes for consumers in the Australian energy market.

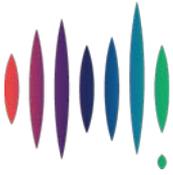
Dr Gill Owen was an inaugural Director of the Energy Consumers Australia Board. Gill Owen was a respected policy advocate, who brought her considerable expertise and insights to energy consumer issues in both Australia and the UK. Gill Owen died from a brain tumour in August 2016.

To honour Gill Owen's memory Energy Consumers Australia has created an annual scholarship in her name.

This Application Guide sets out the details required to be included in an application for the Gill Owen Scholarship in 2018.

Applications are invited for a grant of up to \$15,000 (excl. GST) to research innovation, policies and programs that will be relevant to achieving improved consumer outcomes in a dynamic and changing Australian energy market.

**Applications for the 2018-19 Gill Owen Scholarship will close on Friday 9 November 2018. The successful applicant will be announced at the Energy Consumers Australia Foresighting Forum on 20-21 February 2019.**



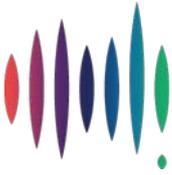
## Section A: Personal

1. About you:
  - Current employment
  - Education
  - Are you an Australian citizen or permanent resident?
  
2. Please provide the following:
  - A current CV that demonstrates your experience in evidence-based research or advocacy relating to energy consumer issues
  - Two written references from two different individuals (maximum 1 page each) to support your application; 1x project reference and 1x professional reference

**A Project Reference** should speak to the applicant's knowledge of the field and topic of the proposed project. It should demonstrate the referee's knowledge of the applicants standing in the field, and the importance of this project for energy consumers.

**A Professional Reference** should include the referee's knowledge and opinion of the personal and professional qualities of the applicant. In addition, they should demonstrate how the applicant will benefit professionally from the scholarship.

3. Tell us about your skills and previous experiences that you will call upon to deliver the project (500 words)
4. How will you use both your written and oral communication skills to enhance the delivery of the project? (500 words)
5. Tell us how you will establish effective networks in the delivery and promotion of your project (500 words)



## Section B: Project

Please describe the project's aim and provide a brief summary

**The Project Aim** should state the purpose or goal of your project in approximately 10-15 words.

**The Project Summary** should be in clear, simple terms that will make it easy to comprehend in 100 words. Be succinct and avoid jargon or technical speak, that would make it difficult for the selection panel or people and organisations that you would seek to meet with overseas to decipher.

### The Project Description

1. What is the consumer problem/issue that this project will address?
2. How is your project relevant to current advocacy and research in Australian energy market context? What efforts have you made in Australia to investigate the consumer problem in your proposed project?
3. How could insights from international experience inform this issue?
4. How could your project lead to substantive change for the benefit Australian small energy consumers, in general, or particular consumers?
5. Outline your proposed itinerary and budget for your overseas trip
6. Outline what the outputs will be from your project
7. Outline how you will disseminate and promote the key findings from your project on your return to Australia