

Energy Consumers Australia Gill Owen Scholarship

Application Guide 2020

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

Dr Gill Owen was a respected policy advocate, who brought her considerable expertise and insights to energy consumer issues in both Australia and the UK. In addition, Gill was an inaugural Director of the Energy Consumers Australia Board. 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 2020.

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 8 November 2019. The successful applicant will be announced at the Energy Consumers Australia Foresighting Forum on 19-20 February 2020.



Section A: 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

Please describe your project in detail. You should concentrate on providing the following information about your project:

1. What is the problem for Australian energy consumers you want to investigate? Why now?
2. How will your research and international insights help address that issue?
3. Who is your project aimed at influencing?
4. How will your project be influential for the long-term interests of small energy consumers? Will particular groups of consumers benefit?
5. Who will you engage with to develop insights and knowledge about what should be done?
6. What are your skills and experience that will make your project successful?
7. Show us your draft itinerary, listing the organisations and/or individuals you will contact.
8. What is your plan to disseminate and promote the key findings from your project to key stakeholders on your return to Australia (events, written report, social media etc)?
9. What is your proposed budget (including any other funding)?



Section B: 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)