

### Scholarship applications now open

ESITO is again offering pre-employment scholarships to people planning to study electricity supply related courses in 2011 who have a desire to pursue a career in the industry.

#### The eligible courses are:

National Certificate in Electricity Supply Level 2 at Wintec, CPIT or MIT.

National Diploma in Engineering (Electrotechnology) (Level 6)

Bachelor of Engineering Technology (3 year degree) in a relevant specialization

Bachelor of Engineering (4 year degree) in a relevant specialization

#### Check out our website for application forms:

[http://www.esito.org.nz/career\\_centre/industry/pre-employment\\_scholarships.aspx](http://www.esito.org.nz/career_centre/industry/pre-employment_scholarships.aspx)

#### Closing date is 31 October

A minimum of two scholarships each are provided for Maori, Pacific and female applicants.

## ESITO scholarship sets trainee on path to success

When Connetics electrical apprentice Simon Berghan (19) enrolled for an ESITO taster course in 2008, he had no idea he would end up being the top student in the course, receiving a \$500 prize and being awarded a pre-trade scholarship.

At the time, he was a seventh form student at Shirley Boy's High School in Christchurch doing work experience with a local electrician once a week.

After the taster course Simon applied for one of the pre-trade scholarships and has not looked back since.

ESITO's \$2000 pre-trade scholarship helped Simon to undertake a one-year, full-time electricity supply industry course at Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology. During the course, he studied electrical theory, undertook practical training and went on various field trips to power stations around the South Island.

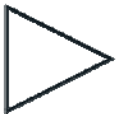
The pre-trade course confirmed he had made the right decision.

In March, he began work at Connetics as an electrical fitting apprentice, which he aims to finish by 2012.

"ESITO's support has been brilliant," says Simon. "Over the last two to three years, I have been really impressed. They are really helpful not just to me but to everyone involved in the training programmes they offer".



Simon Berghan on the job.



# In Your Neighbourhood - 2010

**Central North Island**

- 27 Sept-2 October: Tainui One Week Taster Course, Hopuhopu
- 26 Sept-8 October: Kawerau Taster Course, Kawerau College
- 23 -25 November: ESITO at the CATE Conference, Sky City, Auckland

**Northern North Island**

- 27 Sept-8 Oct: Auckland Taster Course at MIT

**Southern North Island**

- 27 Sept-8 Oct: Palmerston North Taster Course, UCOL

## NEW PPE GATEWAY UNIT

US 10507 Use personal protection equipment within an electricity network environment version 4 (Level 2, 2 credits) has just been added to ESITO's Gateway Programme.

This unit is ideal for students doing an electrical or electricity supply Gateway and who are wearing PPE (personal protection equipment) as part of their placement. Assessment will be by an ESITO registered assessor at a small fee to the school.

For Gateway enquiries contact Gabrielle Riley, on [careers@esito.org.nz](mailto:careers@esito.org.nz) or 07 8342696.

## Gateway works well for Taster students

A number of students who attended ESITO Taster Courses are returning to school wanting to know more. Doing Gateway in the electricity supply industry is a great way for them to get more in depth exposure to a particular career pathway and to a local electricity supply company.

Those students who do complete both a Taster Course and Gateway gain the best of both worlds!

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