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IET Power Academy A Scholar's Perspective

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Power Academy Scheme, the *theory*

- Formed to meet the critical demand for Power Engineers
- Comprising;
 - A bursary of £2,200 for each year of study
 - Contribution towards University tuition fees
 - £220 for books and software
 - Mentors from Industry partners
 - Paid summer work placements

A Scholar's Perspective, in *practice*



Key Considerations and *variables*

- Moving from academia to industry often a daunting experience
- Industrial placements help ease the transition giving participants, both scholar and sponsor, a “head-start”
- Uncertainty/lack of visibility of direction, obstacles, requirements, and expectations
- Crucial factors such as location, remit, interaction, and variety often over-looked

The Big Picture, *results*

- 17 sponsoring companies now involved (DNOs, manufacturers, contractors, generators)
- 7 Universities participating in the scheme
- c250 scholarships awarded since the Programme began in 2005
- 154 of those sponsored are currently active on the scheme
- 54 of those sponsored have stayed in the Power sector after graduation

- Increase in applications to the scheme year on year
- Increase in students at participating Universities applying to power-related classes on involvement in scheme

- Emphasis on providing interesting, educational, and exciting placements to encourage strong relationships between sponsors and scholars

- Further information & contacts can be found at
www.theiet.org/about/scholarships-awards/power-academy/

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