

3 year PhD Scholarship: *Environmental Economic History*

Applications are invited for a PhD scholarship funded by the Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fund on the project entitled, “*Testing the validity and robustness of national wellbeing and sustainability measures*”. The analysis will be primarily quantitative (mostly time series), but will involve the collection and collation of NZ historical and various country contemporary data.

The Marsden Fund is the most prestigious source of research funding in New Zealand. The scholarship covers three years of university tuition fees plus a NZ\$25,000 p.a. tax-free stipend for three years. The PhD research will consider aspects of the funded research and support the Investigators as required. The PhD student will be formally enrolled at the University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand (although they would be expected to spend time in Wellington and may be based there, subject to satisfying enrolment rules and regulations) and will be part of the 2013 enrolled cohort within the Department of Economics.

Applicants should have a background and a tertiary qualification from a recognised institution (Honours and/or Masters level) in Economics or Economic History, or a related subject. It is expected that the applicant would have experience in and a willingness to undertake, quantitative analysis using large databases; experience with STATA, EViews or similar software and data collection/collation from primary (often archival) sources.

The PhD research is scheduled to commence mid-2013 and will run for a three year period. Later start dates will be considered. Applicants who are neither New Zealand nor Australian Citizens or Residents will need to obtain a New Zealand Student Visa.

The PhD student will work closely with Principal Investigators (and PhD Supervisors) Professor Les Oxley (Department of Economics, University of Waikato NZ); Dr Arthur Grimes (Motu Economic and Public Policy Research, Wellington, and University of Auckland) and Associate Investigators Professor Robert MacCulloch (Department of Economics, University of Auckland) and Dr Jamie Ataria (Lincoln University).

Information regarding applications can be requested from Professor Les Oxley (loxley@waikato.ac.nz) or Dr Arthur Grimes (arthur.grimes@motu.org.nz).

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