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Motu Thesis Scholarship For Māori students undertaking an Honours or Masters thesis

Information Sheet

Background of award

Motu Economic and Public Policy Research Trust offers a scholarship to a student of Māori descent undertaking an Honours or Masters thesis on an applied topic, preferably in economics or another social science, and preferably using a quantitative methodology.

Purposes of Award

- To enhance Māori research capacity and support sound public policy by encouraging students of Māori descent to conduct research relevant to public policy development;
- To provide students with academic support from top researchers;
- To build networks with promising researchers; and
- To build meaningful, long-term links between researchers and iwi.

Selection criteria

The Scholarship is open to university graduates of Māori descent who are or will undertake graduate study at a University in New Zealand, overseas universities are also considered.

Preference will be given based on academic performance, topic relevance (to Motu's current research programmes, see www.motu.org.nz), and programme of study. We also look for people with a strong interest in a research career and/or contributing to sound public policy.

Value

One \$10,000 award in total, paid quarterly in advance (or as decided by Motu).

Closing date for applications

December each year. We do give consideration applications that fall outside this timeframe.

How to apply

Please complete the application form including referee reports, and email or mail it to Motu with your cover letter, curriculum vitae, and up to date academic transcript (does not have to be official at application stage).

Decision makers

Motu's director and senior fellows make the final decision. The choice to award the scholarship in a given year is at the discretion of the decision makers.

How and when do students learn of the decision?

Applicants can expect to learn of the outcome of their application by the end of January (or at a time discussed with Motu).

Conditions attached to acceptance of the scholarship

These conditions are mostly for the benefit of the scholarship recipient.

The scholarship recipient will be required to devote his/herself fulltime to his/her programme of study/research during the tenure of the scholarship.

Prior to the commencement of the academic year, the recipient will be expected to visit Motu's office in Wellington to discuss their proposed research. They may be asked to give an informal seminar on some of their work or the proposed topic.

If the student is studying in New Zealand, prior to submission of the thesis, the recipient will be expected to attend a session at Motu's office to discuss their findings.

If the student is studying overseas, alternative arrangements for checking in and feedback will be made. This would likely involve a teleconference before the thesis is finalised to ensure a chance for final academic assistance and comment from Motu's senior fellows. In this case, Motu also requires that on return to New Zealand the recipient give a presentation to discuss the thesis findings.

During the tenure of the Scholarship, the recipient will be expected to stay in regular contact with a nominated Motu senior researcher and/or support staff.

Motu will cover travel and any meal and accommodation costs associated with these meetings.

To apply for the scholarship please send your information to:

Emma Jellicoe
Recruitment and Communications Advisor
Motu Economic and Public Policy Research Trust
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Applications for the scholarship close December. We may consider applications that fall outside this timeframe.



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Application Form

1. Surname or Family Name

Given Names

2. Address

Telephone

Email

When will you be at this address

From

To

3. Address of permanent residence *if different from above*

Telephone

Email

4. Iwi Affiliations

5. Tertiary Education Record

Institution	Place and Country	Years attended From - To		Degrees, diplomas or certificates gained
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6. Titles of any honours or masters thesis previously completed

7. What degree do you intend to study and in which general field?

8. Briefly outline your proposed thesis topic

9. Further relevant information to your application can be given on ONE separate A4 page.

10. Referees:

- Give the attached copy of the “Reference Report” to the first referee.
- Request the nominated referee to forward the “Reference Report” directly to Motu. (refer address details below)
- **All references must reach Motu by the closing date for the scholarship. Please make this clear to your referee.**

11. Name, contact address and email address of first referee (providing report on the thesis and suitability of applicant)

12. Name, contact address and email address of second referee (providing character reference)

You must:

Read, understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Motu Thesis Scholarship as set out in the Scholarship Information Sheet, “Conditions attached to acceptance of the scholarship”.

Signature:

Date:

Completed forms should be returned to:

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