

Motu Quantitative Economics Āheitanga Scholarship

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The scholarship:

Motu Economic and Public Policy Research Trust is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a student of Māori descent who intends to study economics and is planning to enrol in a second year econometrics course, or equivalent quantitative economics course.

There will be one Āheitanga Scholarship for each university. Where multiple candidates from one university apply, Motu will assess student's academic achievement and interest in economics or a related field. We will also be guided by advice from the university on the student's involvement in mentoring and links to their cultural heritage.

The purposes of the award are to

- Enhance New Zealand's research capacity and support sound public policy by encouraging students of Māori descent to learn to understand quantitative research, and set them on a track that will allow them to become quantitative researchers.
- Provide promising students with career guidance and mentoring from top researchers.
- Build networks between researchers and future leaders.

How to apply:

To apply for the scholarship, please complete the form below and send this information to recruitment@motu.org.nz by 24 August 2018.

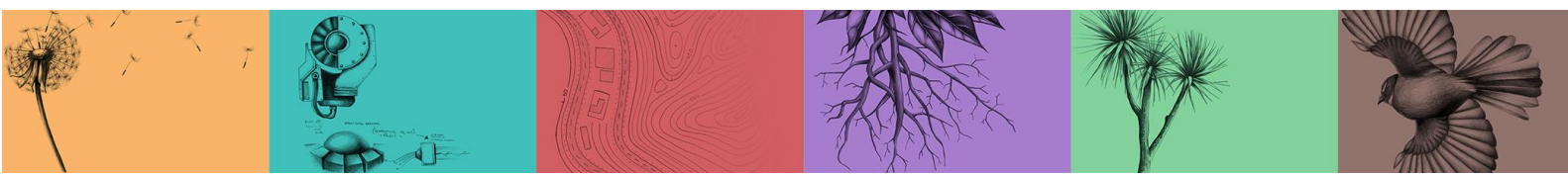
About Motu Research:

Motu (named after Taputeranga: the island in Island Bay, Wellington) is New Zealand's leading economic research institute. It is in the top ten global economic think tanks and top ten climate think tanks. Motu is independent and never advocates an expressed ideology or political position. A not-for-profit and charitable trust, Motu is founded on the belief that sound public policy depends on rigorous research accompanied by well-informed and reasoned debate.

Conditions

The scholarship is not conditional on the student's performance in the quantitative economics course. However, if the student does achieve highly, Motu will be in touch again to encourage students to apply for future internships and other opportunities.

Motu's Director and Senior Fellows make the final decision on the scholarship winner. The choice to award the scholarship in a given year is at the discretion of the decision makers. Applicants can expect to learn of the outcome of their application by the end of September 2018 and will be paid their scholarship by the end of January the following year.



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2018 Application Form

1. Surname or Family Name Given Names

2. Address

Telephone

Email

3. Iwi Affiliations

4. Academic Record (*Note: attaching a copy of an official or unofficial transcript is also fine*)

Institution	Date attended		Course	Grade
	From	To		

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

6. Why do you intend to study economics? (*200 words max*)

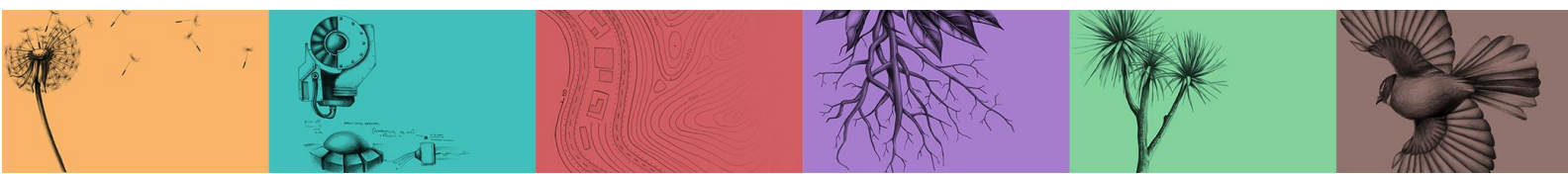
By signing below, you indicate that the information provided above is factual and correct, and that you understand the conditions of the Motu Āheitanga Scholarship. You also agree to sign up for Motu newsletters and occasional emails (we also intend to connect all scholarship winners with each other).

Signature:

Date:

Completed forms should be returned to: Isabelle Sin, recruitment@motu.org.nz

Applications close Friday 24 August 2018



Ongoing Capacity Building

One of Motu's founding motivations is capacity building. We remain committed to improving the quality of economic research. Public policy in a democracy is built on a complex base of political forces, judgement and ideology. Understanding the facts and analysing the economic forces at work can make a difference in ensuring that policy will work for the long-run wellbeing of Aotearoa New Zealand. Our distinctive contribution to the public policy environment of this country comes from an emphasis on sound empirical analysis, which is supported by expertise in and knowledge of economic theory and institutional design.

The Motu Quantitative Economics Āheitanga Scholarship is just the first step that Motu offers in its pathway to a profession in economics.

Internships

Motu offers paid summer internships. This internship programme is designed to apply and extend students' empirical skills and assist with their development as researchers. Its underlying aim is to build research capability, improving the skills of young researchers and the quality of New Zealand research. Motu interns work on research projects led by one of the Senior Fellows, and are encouraged to think critically about the public policy and research issues involved. Internships build students' skills, as well as providing our researchers with useful research assistance. Ultimately, we hope our interns will be better equipped to consider a career in research or public policy analysis.

Summer internships are paid full-time positions that usually run for 8-12 weeks between November and February at our Wellington office. 43 young researchers have 'graduated' from this programme since 2000.

Research Analysts

Motu offers salaried positions to smart and motivated Honours and Masters graduates. While other grad positions involve fulfilling tasks for their seniors, Motu research analysts are encouraged to develop their own analytical skills, and author papers alongside senior fellows. The role also provides opportunities for Motu researchers to further their own training. Motu has now employed 35 research analysts who have moved on to other roles. We usually have a strong cohort of between four and six bright young things working on a wide variety of topics.

Further study and future work

Four research analysts that Motu has employed have gone on to complete economics PhDs from top international graduate schools, and seven more are currently studying towards their doctorates. These Motu alumni are supported by a scholarship from Motu. In the last few years, three of Motu's research analysts have left for PhD studies – one to the University of Cambridge, one to Northwestern University, and one to the University of Chicago. One of the PhD graduates – Isabelle Sin – returned to Aotearoa after finishing her doctorate at Stanford and is now a Fellow at Motu.

Other former research analysts and interns have moved into Government work and taken up senior roles at the World Bank, Treasury, the Interim Climate Change Commission, Oranga Tamariki, and other government departments.

Beyond the āheitanga programme, Motu Senior Fellows teach university courses and supervise thesis students.

