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## Motu Thesis Scholarship For Māori students undertaking an Honours, Masters or PhD 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.
- 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 New Zealand university (programmes at overseas universities will also be considered).

Preference will be given based on academic performance, topic relevance (to Motu's current research programmes, see [www.motu.org.nz](http://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: 16 December 2015.**

#### How to apply

Please complete the application form including referee reports, and email or mail it to Motu with the following documents:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Academic transcript.

## **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 December 2013 (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:**

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