

Seeking PhD Candidates for Trans-Tasman Business Research

We're seeking top quality PhD Candidates for a trans- Tasman joint PhD supervision programme (between the University of Otago and University of South Australia).

- o Tackle specific trans-Tasman related and relevant research questions (may include other topics)
- o AUS\$29,000 (=NZ\$38,000, as of Dec, 2011) scholarship + NZ\$5,000 per annum project specific funds
- o International experience with a home-base touch

If you've ever considered completing a PhD but financial pressures prevented you from contributing to knowledge, then the University of Otago Business School and University of South Australia (UniSA) are now able to help achieve your goal

Otago's Department of Accountancy & Finance and UniSA's School of Commerce have entered a partnership which offers two PhD candidacies a year to domestic (NZ or Aus) students, starting from 2012 for a period of three years. There will be one supervisor from each university with the enrolment to the programme through UniSA: the successful candidate will thus obtain a UniSA qualification.

Competitive financial support is part of the package: per annum, successful applicants will receive a AUS\$29,000 scholarship and NZ\$5,000 for special purpose expenditures (such as travel between Otago and South Australia).

Applicants must provide a written PhD research proposal on a topic of their choice within the fields of accountancy and finance. The following list contains a number of research projects, as suggested by your potential supervisors. These may, of course, be adapted.

- o Accounting gender issues: investigate non-equity/ salaried leadership positions in the career progressions of contemporary women in professional accounting
- o Performance management and measurement: How can performance management systems
 - o be designed to map key organisational value drivers and promote organisational effectiveness and performance?
 - o support an organisation's quest for value creation?
 - o be used to control business risk, while encouraging organisational innovation and adaptability?

- Capital market research: investigate the market – accounting data relationship. Is there value relevance in accounting information?
- Multi-agent based modelling: in a complex systems setting, analyse agent (board, manager, employee) or team behaviour under a variety of constraints and traits, and their impacts on firm performance, for instance.
- Integrated financial and accounting (engineering) asset management: investigate the relationship between physical and financial properties of fixed assets.

A degree with a significant research component in Accounting or Finance is advantageous but not a prerequisite: candidates from other disciplines (Science, Business, Humanities) are encouraged to seek more information about this opportunity by emailing to the [Department of Accountancy & Finance](#), Otago Business School.