

Funded PhD Scholarships - Social Dimensions of Invasive Species

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Otago Business School / Te Kura Pakihi
University of Otago / Te Whare Wananga o Otago
Dunedin / Ōtepoti
Aotearoa New Zealand

Kia Ora, tēnā koutou katoa,

Two funded PhD Scholarships are available at the Department of Tourism, University of Otago in Dunedin to work alongside academic staff on a Marsden-funded research project "*Bad nature": The social dimensions of invasive alien species and their management in New Zealand.*"

The scholarships start in April 2020 or as soon as possible thereafter for a period of three years and include all enrolment fees and an annual tax-free stipend (NZ \$27,500pa).

BACKGROUND

The successful applicants will each work on a separate aspect of the project investigating the social dimensions of non-native invasive species. The research involves a multiple case-study design of values associated with a number of contentious invasive species in different regions of New Zealand.

Applicants with a knowledge of te reo Māori me ngā tikanga Māori and Pasifika contexts are encouraged to apply as the research will engage with community members and visitors throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. The project is led by Professor Brent Lovelock <https://www.otago.ac.nz/tourism/staff/otago062441.html> and Associate Professor Anna Carr <https://www.otago.ac.nz/tourism/staff/otago062443.html> who will both provide PhD supervision for the successful applicants.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants should have a qualifying degree (e.g., a Masters or first-class honours) in the social sciences, environmental sciences, tourism/leisure studies, geography, Māori studies, recreation studies, ecology or other relevant disciplines. The successful applicant will ideally be based in Dunedin for at least part of the three years of full-time study normally required for the PhD, though this residency requirement is negotiable. There will be extensive periods of field research in communities away from Dunedin and a driver's licence will be required.

Requirements for the Doctoral programme include having completed the required academic qualifications for direct entry. **Note:** The award of these scholarships is conditional on acceptance into the University of Otago doctoral programme. For further details please visit <https://www.otago.ac.nz/graduate-research/study/phddoctoral/programme/otago401201.html>

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications (by email) must include the following:

- A curriculum vitae (2 pages maximum).
- A brief outline (2 pages maximum) describing your research skills and experience

- A summary (1 page only) of your motivations for and goals in undertaking a PhD.
- Academic transcripts and certificates for any previous tertiary study.
- The contact details of two academic referees OR alternatively one academic and one employer referee.

CONTACT

Inquiries, expressions of interest, and applications should be directed to: Professor Brent Lovelock (brent.lovelock@otago.ac.nz) Ph +64 3 479-8520

CLOSING DATE: Applications will close on Friday, 15th February 2020. If an appropriate candidate is not identified the scholarships may be reopened.