



# Call for Proposals, 2009 academic year

The Department of Labour invites applications for graduate research sponsorship in the 2009 academic year. Graduate students who plan to carry out empirical or theoretical research on topics relevant to the Department of Labour's work are encouraged to apply.

**T**he Department is interested in supporting academic research in the fields of labour economics, employment and labour policy and relevant social science research and evaluation. The research could contribute to the policy advice that the Department provides to the government.

**It is usual for the Department to award up to three students \$5,000 each. However, the Department will also consider applications up to a maximum of \$15,000 that are accompanied by a detailed account of anticipated research costs and on how the funds will be used in the research.**

Grants are awarded to assist with the cost of carrying out research (e.g. collecting and analysing data) and not to cover university fees or personal expenses (e.g. living expenses). Sponsorship is available to fulltime Masters and Doctorate students enrolled in a New Zealand University during the 2009 academic year.

The research proposal should include a title, a brief description of the objective(s), the proposed methodology, the data, and, if possible, some preliminary results. Applicants should also demonstrate how the research will contribute to existing knowledge. The first page must include the title, the name of the student and a full contact address. The document must be in Microsoft Word format. Pages must be numbered. References, numbered tables and graphs should be on separate pages. In addition, the applicants must arrange with their academic supervisors to send at least one letter of reference on their behalf.

**Applications must be delivered in English by email to [jason.timmins@dol.govt.nz](mailto:jason.timmins@dol.govt.nz) by 31 December 2008 and the successful students will be announced on 1 March 2009.**

Should you need further clarifications, please email Jason Timmins at [jason.timmins@dol.govt.nz](mailto:jason.timmins@dol.govt.nz)

