

Sir Frank Holmes Prize Information Sheet

Background of award

In recognising Sir Frank Holmes as one of New Zealand's pre-eminent Economists and his contribution to the development of public policy over many decades, the Motu Research and Education Foundation provide an economics scholarship for New Zealand's top economics undergraduate student every year – The Sir Frank Holmes Prize. Sir Frank Holmes agreed to give his name to this scholarship shortly before he passed away in October 2011.

Purposes of Award

The purpose of the prize is to encourage top quantitative economics student to further their studies in econometrics at graduate level. The prize will be awarded to a top student, who is moving on to honours or masters level studies in economics, including econometrics.

Selection criteria

The prize is for one top New Zealand economics student who is:

- a New Zealand Resident and studying economics at a New Zealand University;
- a top student who is majoring in economics and has undertaken a course in third year econometrics or its statistics equivalent as a part of their programme of study;
- intending to pursue further study at honours or masters level in the following year (payment of the prize will be made on confirmation of enrolment).

Selection of the student will be based on student nominations from the heads of department from each school, and the recommendation of the Senior Fellows of Motu Economic and Public Policy Research.

Value

There will be one prize that we will award annually and it will have a value of \$3,500. The funds are for the next year and will be paid on confirmation of enrolment at honours or masters level.

How to apply

Applications are strictly limited to students nominated by their school's head of department. These nominations will be sought by Motu. Motu will then contact the nominated students directly to request their applications.

You will be asked to submit an application form, your academic transcript, and a cover letter expressing your interest in and suitability for the Sir Frank Holmes Prize.

Closing date for applications

After receiving all nominations by **Friday 2 September**, Motu will contact the nominated students directly and request applications, which will be due in by **Monday 19th September 2016**.

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 September, or as otherwise notified by Motu.

The prize will be awarded at Motu's anniversary party in late October. If the winner of the prize is not based in Wellington, we will cover reasonable expenses for them to attend.

Conditions attached to acceptance of the scholarship

You will be required to devote yourself fulltime to your programme of study during the tenure of the scholarship, unless you need to study part-time for a valid reason. Please address any questions regarding this to Isabelle Sin, contact details below.

During the tenure of the Scholarship, the recipient will be expected to stay in regular contact with a nominated Motu Senior Fellow and/or the Recruitment Advisor. Contact is to include an update on your progress.

To receive the payment, you need to enrol in your honours or Masters papers and send confirmation of this to us. You should consult your head of department, Motu's recruitment advisor, and your nominated Motu Senior Fellow if you need advice.

Please address any queries to:

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