



## **Economics PhD Program**

# **One Program—Four Departments**

The ANU is the leading research university in Australia and it has a strong world-wide reputation for its research excellence. We are keen to recruit highly motivated and well-qualified students in economics. The ANU has seventy research economists spread across four departments, each with a different focus. These groups participate in a common PhD program that combines rigorous coursework training with a wide variety of options for research and supervision.

Further details and a guide for applicants can be found at:

<http://cbe.anu.edu.au/Schools/EcoPHD/>

### **How it works**

The program of full-time study normally occupies a period of three years, comprising two parts.

Part A normally consists of two consecutive semesters of coursework designed to improve the formal training necessary for the writing of a thesis and to equip candidates with the skills to undertake research and to master the journal literature.

Part B consists of research and participation in seminars and/or workshops and submission of a thesis; Part B normally continues for between 24 and 36 months. At the research stage students are located within one of the four departments, working closely with research specialists in the student's chosen field.

The four different departments are:

- **Economics Program, Research School of Social Sciences**
- **School of Economics, College of Business and Economics**
- **Department of Economics, Research School of Pacific and Asia Studies**
- **Economics Group, Crawford School of Public Policy**

## **Economics Program, RSSS**

**Economics is one of four program areas in the Research School of Social Sciences (RSSS). RSSS is purely devoted to research and PhD study and it boasts some of the leading edge researchers. The Economics Program has particular strength in applied microeconomics, micro-econometrics, labour economics, public economics, applied policy analysis and economic history. For further details, see faculty research interests below or at:**

**<http://econrsss.anu.edu.au/>**

**Besides the resident economists the Program hosts a series of international visitors, mainly from North America and Europe. Recent visitors to the Program have included Bobbi Wolfe (Wisconsin), Bob Haveman (Wisconsin), Jeff Williamson (Harvard), Patricia Apps (Sydney), Christian Dustmann (UC London), Gillian Hamilton (Toronto), Michael Baker (Toronto), Rob Fairlie (UC Santa Cruz), and Dan Hammermesh (Texas).**

**The Program is an inclusive community which involves PhD students in its daily life and work. PhD students join in the twice-weekly seminars (one of which is chaired by a student) as well as in the conferences and workshops that the program runs (joint with UWA) including an annual conference exclusively for PhD students at ANU, UWA and elsewhere. Students also join in many of the social events that the Program runs.**

**New PhD students are allocated a desk, usually in a shared room, and a computer when they arrive at the Program. PC and Mac users are catered for, and good IT support is available. All students have access to the 'essential' facilities of the Economics Program (telephone, photocopying, e-mail, laser printers, software, stationery, newspapers) and to a range of Australian and international databases. These include the Australian Census, Household Expenditure Survey, Income and Housing Survey, Australian Longitudinal Survey, OECD Main Economic Indicators, US Current Population Survey, US National Longitudinal Survey, UK General Household Survey. Students, of course, also have access to the wider facilities of ANU.**

**Being located close to the heart of government the Program maintains close contact with key economics ministries. Associated with the Program is the Social Policy Evaluation, Analysis, and Research Centre (SPEAR) which is a joint initiative with Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA). The Centre's work focuses on projects related to social policy evaluation, with the aim of ensuring that Australia derives maximum benefit from the latest international developments.**

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