

ANIPP REPORT

In 2012, the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation continued to provide PhD scholarships for high-performing APS employees to undertake research at ANU in areas of national significance and policy priority.

The five scholars accepted in 2011 progressed well and successfully met their academic PhD milestones.

Two scholars completed their international components in 2012. Jenny Chang travelled to work with the China Centre at Stanford University, while Nerida Hunter travelled to the International Max Planck Demographic Research Institute in Rostock, Germany to complete coursework in demographic statistics and to further her research.

Following another year of healthy interest in the program across a number of Australian Government Departments and Agencies, the Board selected an additional four students into the program. Twenty-six candidates were shortlisted by their agencies and the Board interviewed 12 in September of 2012. These successful candidates began their studies in February, 2013

Shane Johnson (Department of Treasury)
Crawford School of Public Policy
Supervised by Professor Warwick McKibbin

Research will investigate the effectiveness of fiscal policy as a macro-economic stabilisation tool and its impact on social welfare through the use of time series and cross sectional econometric techniques.

Eliza Murray (Department of Climate Change)
Centre for Climate Economics and Policy
Supervised by Dr Frank Jotzo

This research will aim to investigate potential obstacles to linking Australia's climate change policy with international policies and to analyse the dynamics of heterogeneous climate change policies. It will take a cross disciplinary approach with comparative analysis of scenarios for future national and sub-national climate change policies and international architectures.

Michael McKenzie (Attorney General's Department)
School of Regulation, Justice and Diplomacy
Supervised by Professor Veronica Taylor

This research will examine cooperation between Australia and Indonesia to combat transnational crime.

Agnieszka Nelson (Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs)
Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research
Supervised by Professor John Taylor

The proposed research seeks to understand the shifting objectives and effectiveness of welfare conditionality initiatives; which types of conditionality are most effective, for which targeted groups.



The proposed research will employ a mixed methods approach to examine potential distributional and behavioural impact of those policies on individuals.

MILESTONE UPDATE

| Objective | Metrics | Responsibility | How tracking? |
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| Scholarships | [Early 2012] advertise scholarships | JU | Completed |
| | Implement competitive selection process | JU | Completed |
| | [May 2012] intake of scholarship cohort | JU | Completed |
| Mid-term presentations | [Early 2013] scholarship holders present to ANU/APS workshops | JU | To be scheduled for late 2013. |

