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Newsletter #45

Economic Society of Australia,
New South Wales Branch,

March 2018

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Dear friend,

Please find below the ESA NSW Branch Newsletter for March 2018.

Upcoming Events

Young Economists Networking Drinks

Join the **Young Economist Network** for casual networking drinks at the Coach Bar, GPO in Martin Place. Attendance is free and includes canapes on arrival. (drinks can be purchased at the bar)

Lunchtime Seminar: The Decline and Sociological Transformation of Australian Unionism

Abstract:

In May 2017 the Australian Bureau of Statistics published the first statistics on trade union membership since the discontinuation of the long-running *Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership* series in the wake of its August 2013 survey. The new series, *Characteristics of Employment, Australia*, confirms two long-established trends.

First, it reveals the continuing decline of trade union membership, whether measured in terms of absolute membership or as a share of the workforce. Second, it reveals the increasing domination of union membership by those who list their occupation as either professional or manager. Together, these two groupings are now responsible for more than 40% of national membership. The new series also reveals as failures the "revitalisation" policies pursued by unions in recent decades, which have revolved around two main strategies: the "Organising Model" – a plan to increase workforce activism – and activist campaigns designed to achieve the election of Labor governments and more favourable industrial laws. As the shrinking ranks of unions become ever more dominated by professionals and managers, moreover, the Australian union movement risks becoming increasingly remote from the concerns of the wider society. It is also becoming increasingly evident that the sociological transformation of the Australian union movement is causing an ever deepening rift within the labour movement; a rift that sees unionists and Labor leaders associated with inner city professionals oppose major projects – such as the Adani coal mine in Central Queensland – that benefit blue-collar unionists in the regions.

About the Speaker:

Bradley Bowden is Professor of Employment Relations at Griffith University, Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Management History Division* and Executive Member and Past Chair of the Management History Division of the (American) Academy of Management. His forthcoming book, *Work, Wealth and Postmodernism: The Intellectual Conflict at the Heart of Business Endeavour* is being published by Palgrave Macmillan in New York and will be available for sale from June.



We have had a number of requests for extension to the abstract submission deadline and therefore advise the deadline has been extended to Thursday 15 March 5pm. You may direct any queries on the abstract submission process to Emily:

Emily Marriott
Conference Coordinator
Leishman Associates
emily@laevents.com.au

Emerging Economist Series

Helen Silver displayed her passion for economics and public policy, understanding of political process, the changed media landscape and business drive at the first EES for 2018. From her wealth of experience she shared insights on federal state relations, insurance's role in the economy, the shifting and expanding expectations of the governed from government and practical wins in applying behavioural economics. Helen's example was another demonstration of the depth and breath of issues, and real impact, that a career in economics can provide for emerging economists.



The next EES lunch will take place on Thursday 15th March with special guest **Professor Deborah Cobb-Clark** - Professor of Economics at the University of Sydney. She is Director of the Program in Gender and Families at the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn, Germany; a Chief Investigator in the ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course; and an elected Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. Deborah has a PhD in Economics from the University of Michigan (1990). She has also held senior positions at the Melbourne Institute, US Labor Department, Illinois State University, and the Australian National University where she was the founding director of The Social Policy Evaluation, Analysis and Research (SPEAR) Centre.

Deborah's research agenda centres on the effect of social policy on labour market outcomes including immigration, sexual and racial harassment, health, old-age support, education and youth transitions. She has published more than four dozen academic articles in leading international journals and is a former co-editor of the *Journal of Population Economics*.

Other Events

Grattan Institute: Innovation policy in Australia: never a better time?

Few doubt that innovators can reap great returns, but many in the community don't see themselves as winners. Others believe that there is not much government can do to affect innovation.

Innovation and Science Australia has just released its plan for Australia's innovation, science and research system, *Australia 2030: Prosperity through Innovation*. The report argues that innovation can make a big difference for all Australians and that there is much government can do to speed it up.

How big is the opportunity for Australia? Who really benefits from rapid innovation? Should policymakers follow ISA's recommendations? These questions will form the basis for engaging discussions in Sydney and Melbourne on innovation policy with a panel that includes the authors of the report.

Speakers

Bill Ferris AC is Chair of the Innovation and Science Australia Board. Mr Ferris is a 47-year veteran of private equity in Australasia, founding Australia's first venture capital firm in 1970. He was the Co-Founder of CHAMP Private Equity and of its predecessor, Australian Mezzanine Investments Pty Ltd (AMIL). Mr Ferris was made

an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1990 for services to the export industry and in 2008 was made Companion in the Order of Australia for his philanthropic activities, as a leader in support of medical research and his role in the establishment of the private equity sector in Australia.

Petra Andrén is CEO of Cicada Innovations, Australia's only "super incubator" providing long-term business support to Australia's largest collection of 70+ advanced technology entrepreneurs across the medical, engineering, and IT web sciences. Petra is an ambassador for global non-profit, InBIA, working with sustainable entrepreneur support programs in every industry and demographic around the globe. She lectures on entrepreneurship at the University of Sydney, the University of Technology, and the Australian National University.

Dr Alan Finkel AO, is Australia's Chief Scientist and is the Deputy Chair of Innovation and Science Australia. Dr Finkel has an extensive science background as an entrepreneur, engineer, neuroscientist and educator. Prior to becoming Chief Scientist, he was the eighth Chancellor of Monash University and the eighth President of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering (ATSE). Dr Finkel was awarded his PhD in electrical engineering from Monash University and worked as a postdoctoral research fellow in neuroscience at the Australian National University.

Moderator

Jim Minifie directs the Productivity Growth Program at the Grattan Institute. His research focuses on developing policy to raise Australians' living standards by improving productivity and accelerating the spread of innovations. The program has produced reports on economic impacts and responses to the mining boom, on boosting net returns from superannuation, on the peer-to-peer economy, and on investment in the Australian economy. Prior to joining Grattan in 2012, Jim spent 12 years with the Boston Consulting Group, including seven years as BCG's Chief Economist for Australia and New Zealand. Jim has honours and masters degrees from Melbourne University and a PhD from Stanford University.

Click [here](#) to register online.

Book Launch: *Randomistas: How Radical Researchers Changed Our World*

March 6, 2018, 6:00 pm to March 6, 2018, 7:00 pm

The McKell Institute and UTS Centre for Business and Social Innovation cordially invite you to celebrate the launch of Andrew Leigh MP's latest publication. **[Click for more information and to register.](#)**
[Read More...](#)



Value Capture - making sense of policy options

Invitation to Attend - or go [direct to registration website](#)

We are pleased to invite you to the one-day conference, ***Value Capture: Making Sense of Policy Options***, to be held in Canberra on 9 July 2018.

The ***Value Capture: Making Sense of Policy Options*** conference is being held at the Hyatt Hotel in Canberra to coincide with the Australian Conference of Economists (ACE) run by the Economic Society of Australia (ESA). The ACE will be held at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra from 10 to 13 July 2018. The conference will explore key issues related to value capture in Australia and will hear from public policy experts from Australia and around the world who have experience in the application of value capture and from academics with their latest research of the issues.

Different value capture methodologies have been used by various governments and organisations over time. However, more recently in Australia, governments are seeking new ways which are politically tenable and economically feasible to use value capture mechanisms to fund new large infrastructure projects.

The theme of this conference taps into the current debate in Australia about infrastructure – about ideas such as the infrastructure deficit, congestion charging, taxation policy, and infrastructure funding.

This is a great opportunity for your company or organisation to be a sponsor and have your brand associated with this thought leadership event.

Conference session themes developed by the organising committee will focus on policy development, economic assessment, and practical implementation. Topics will include:

- Attribution of value creation
- Beneficiary selection
- Mechanisms for value capture – theoretical and practical
- Taxation and transport pricing
- Economic development and town planning
- Case studies from around the world

The Value Capture Conference will seek to attract a highly focused audience of decision-makers, infrastructure planners and academic experts with direct interest in and knowledge of debate surrounding the efficacy and application of value capture mechanisms.

We welcome and look forward to your sponsorship in the conference and the opportunities it offers to promote your organisation and services.

Mr Craig Wilson

Chair

ESP Conference Organising Committee

Readings for the Month

THE CONVERSATION
Academic rigour, journalistic flair

In this information session, Business and Economy Editor from the The Conversation, Jenni Henderson, shares her insights and advice about writing for The Conversation and how to communicate economic research to everyday audiences through the media. View the

Presentation Slides. You can also [check out the video from this session.](#)



The Morality of Inheritance Receiving an inheritance can be life-changing for some people and whether big or small, any kind of inheritance can certainly be a financial boost. In an episode of ABC Radio National Life Matters on 26 February Danielle Wood from the Grattan Institute discussed the history and future of our attitudes to inheritance with Daniel Halliday, author of a new book called the Inheritance of Wealth. Click [here](#) to listen.

Also check out **The Economists** on Radio National - Thursdays at 5.30 pm presented by Peter Martin and Gigi Foster - click [here](#) to download.

Careers and Graduate Opportunities

Advertising an economics position on the ESA website is a good way to get wide exposure for a role. If you would like to advertise a role on the website, please contact our [administrator](#) for more information. There is a small fee of \$110 inc GST.

Below are some recent opportunities:

ACCC/AER Graduate Program

Is the ACCC/AER Graduate Program on your wish list?

Congratulations! It's time for you to start thinking about your career options for 2019 - you're probably spending some time looking at all the major players in the APS graduate program market. Have you thought about working at the ACCC/AER?

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is an independent Commonwealth statutory authority whose role is to enforce the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* and a range of additional legislation, promoting competition, fair trading and regulating national infrastructure for the benefit of all Australians.

Our priorities are reflected in four key goals:

1. maintain and promote competition and remedy market failure
2. protect the interests and safety of consumers and support fair trading in markets
3. promote the economically efficient operation of, use of and investment in monopoly infrastructure
4. increase our engagement with the broad range of groups affected by what we do.

Did you know?

- In the last 12 months the ACCC/AER has been featured prominently in the media. In fact, we were mentioned 65,000 times across radio, TV, online publications and print!
- We have received several new government enquiries and have started focusing on new markets in Commercial Construction, Retail Electricity Pricing, Digital Platforms, Gas and Financial Services.
- The AER received \$67.4 million in new funding in order to continue our important role in Australia's complex energy market.
- Our people are proud to work for the ACCC/AER – we can see the results from the work we undertake in the media and we know that we are making a difference for the Australian community.

What does this mean for you?

With these huge changes, our staffing numbers have grown across the organisation, which includes an increase in our need for graduates with diverse skills, experiences and opinions. The ACCC/AER is a great place to work because:

- we have a great reputation and we are highly regarded for the work we do;
- we have the opportunity to work on lots of different, exciting matters;
- we can see the difference we are making in the Australian community, particularly through high-profile matters such as Takata airbags, NBN, electricity pricing, milk pricing, financial services, Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (NYK), Cussons, Catchdeal, GSK and Novartis, commercial construction cartels, dairy inquiries, Jayco, fuel pricing, digital platforms and more;
- we have a culture that encourages continuous development and diversity.

Don't spend your graduate year photocopying...

Here at the ACCC/AER, we are committed to ensuring that our graduates have the opportunity to make a real contribution to the work we do. Our graduates enjoy applying and expanding their existing skills and knowledge to their work with us. They form an important part of a small, high-performing agency that is committed to promoting competition and consumer protection and fair trading in the Australian marketplace.

As a graduate, your work at the ACCC/AER could involve:

- analysing key market sectors assisting in assessing applications for collective bargaining, authorisations and notifications
- the economic regulation of natural monopoly infrastructure
- investigating complaints from business or consumers about possible breaches of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010.

You may be involved in:

- consumer liaison activities
- product safety surveys
- compliance research or

- a wide range of activities in our Corporate Division.

Why should you apply to join the ACCC/AER graduate program?

The ACCC/AER graduate program is highly regarded by our managers, senior executives, employees and our graduates themselves. The program has loads of benefits including:

- an intensive ten month program, comprising of three, fourteen week rotations;
- challenging rotations throughout various Divisions of the organisation, with encouragement to step outside your comfort zone and try new things;
- ongoing learning and development opportunities to assist you with integrating into the ACCC/AER culture and honing specialist skills that are relevant to your work;
- flexible working conditions, including the ability to work part-time (minimum 30 hours per week), so that you can continue studying, manage other commitments or just enjoy a little extra work-life balance;
- regular opportunities to network, socialise, share experiences and develop relationships with your graduate colleagues across the country;
- an entry level program coordinator and assigned buddy, both of whom are available to support you personally and professionally throughout the program;
- a competitive starting salary of \$59,695, with advancement to \$68,344 upon successful completion of the program; and
- a workplace that promotes diversity, inclusion and equal opportunity.

Want even more benefits?

In addition to the benefits of the graduate program, as an ongoing employee of the ACCC/AER you will also be eligible for:

- an attractive remuneration package, including 15.4% superannuation and annual salary reviews;
- excellent leave benefits, including four weeks of annual leave per year, paid Christmas shut-down, four weeks of sick leave per year, the opportunity to purchase additional annual leave and paid parental leave (after a qualifying period);
- flexible working conditions, including options to work part-time and access to our flex scheme; and
- ongoing career development, including chances to work in different ACCC/AER offices, opportunities for advancement and mobility within the organisation, formal and on-the job training programs and possibilities to participate in secondments with other APS agencies.

Here's what some of our previous graduates have said about our program:

- *"Throughout the program, I always felt that my supervisors really made an effort to involve me in interesting and challenging work, and I felt like a valued and important member of the team from day one. I must admit that starting out as a grad, I was expecting my fair share of photocopying and proofreading. So it was a very pleasant surprise to be researching and drafting a legal advice within my first few weeks of starting!"* - Jack
- *"The Graduate Program works through rotations, which allows you to get a range of experience across the ACCC. This worked really well for me, because I could try a number of different areas and make a more informed choice of where I wanted to take my permanent position. It also gave me a range of skills that I might not have gotten if I had worked in only one area from the beginning. The other great thing about the Program is that staff across the organisation are really supportive of it. In each rotation my colleagues and managers were focused on giving me a good understanding of the work we were doing and the objectives we were trying to achieve. I was given substantive work and significant responsibility, which was rewarding and made me feel like I was contributing to the work of the team and branch."* - Nishana

How can you get involved?

We thought you'd never ask! Applications for our 2019 graduate program are now open. To find out more information about the ACCC/AER Graduate Program, our eligibility criteria and what we expect from our graduates, please download our candidate kit – the link is below. The candidate kit will also provide you with information about the recruitment and selection process for the 2019 program.

Applications close 10pm (AEST) Monday 2 April 2018. Assessment centres will take place between mid-May and mid-June, with offers made to successful applicants in late-June and July.

Know someone who might be interested in a spot in our 2019 Graduate Program? Share this link with them – you never know, you might make their career!

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Analyst and Senior Analyst Appointment Pool

Analyst Level 5, \$86,047 - \$94,994 pa and
Senior Analyst Level 6, \$99,966 - \$110,590 pa, PSGOGA plus superannuation
(Pool Ref 631 R)

About Treasury

Treasury seeks to achieve value for money outcomes for the people of Western Australia through our inspired people, expert analysis and independent advice. The Department consists of the Treasury business and the Public Utilities Office (PUO).

The Treasury business provides economic and financial management and advice to Government. This includes the formulation, implementation and monitoring throughout the year of the State Budget; economic and revenue forecasting; revenue policy advice; advice and analysis on financial arrangements with the Commonwealth; advice on infrastructure policy and planning; advice on the State's financial management framework; and management of the Public Ledger.

The PUO provides quality advice on energy policy issues, including effective and efficient regulatory

frameworks; security and reliability of supply; technology trends; consumer protection; and affordability.

About the Roles

These positions are critical roles for the business in contributing to the development (Analyst), or leading the development and co-ordination (Senior Analyst) and delivery of evidence based analysis, advice and/or forecasts in relation to financial, economic and social issues affecting the State. This analysis and advice supports government decision making and requires research, monitoring, analysis and evaluation of data and liaison with stakeholders to anticipate issues and implement outcomes.

There are a number of positions currently available in the Revenue and Intergovernmental Relations Directorate, which will require officers to analyse and provide advice on State tax and mineral royalty policy and intergovernmental relations (including forecasting and monitoring of GST revenue and advice on the reform of the GST distribution).

There are a number of positions currently available in the Economic and Revenue Forecasting Directorate which will require officers to apply their skills to monitoring reporting on and undertaking research on domestic and international economic conditions, as well as key commodity markets to inform on key economic, tax and royalty forecasts for the annual budget and midyear review and to provide advice to Executive that will inform budget deliberations.

An appointment pool will be established which will be used to fill vacant Level 5 Analyst and Level 6 Senior Analyst positions that may become available in the Economic business unit within the next 12 months (full-time, part-time, permanent and fixed-term contract). The pool will run from when the selection process is finalised. Placement in the pool does not guarantee you placement in a position.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for self-starters who are resilient, proactive and display a strong work ethic. You must also have strong conceptual and analytical skills with the ability to anticipate, analyse and manage economic, revenue and other relevant intergovernmental policy issues and evaluate qualitative data.

The successful applicants will be strong team players, but also able to work with a minimum of direction, identifying and advising on decision points and improvement opportunities. Given the nature of the work, it is highly desirable that applicants have a background in economics, econometrics, statistics, mathematics and/or actuarial science.

You will also need to align with Treasury values of innovative thinking, committed people and working together and be able to demonstrate Treasury's capabilities of:

- Strategy and Analysis (Level 5) OR Shapes and Manages Strategy (Level 6)
- Achieves Results
- Builds Productive Relationships
- Displays Personal Drive and Integrity
- Communicates and Influences Effectively

Treasury supports and values diversity and aims to build a workforce that is representative of the community we live in. We strongly encourage people from diverse backgrounds to apply.

How to Apply

To apply, you will need to do the following:

- Go to (<http://www.jobs.wa.gov.au/>) and click "Apply for Vacancy" button. Remember to click the "Submit" button at the end of your application. Please ensure you refer to the Applicant Information Pack and Role Statement for more information.
- Respond to the questions in the online application including whether you are applying for the Level 5 or Level 6 positions (or both);
- Attach a brief covering letter (no more than 3 pages) outlining your competitiveness in relation to the Essential Capability Requirements of:
 - **Strategy and Analysis/ Shapes and Manages Strategy**
 - **Achieve Results; and**
 - **Displays Personal Drive and Integrity.**
- Attach a comprehensive CV (in PDF format) and a full academic transcript(s) if available.
- Ensure that you provide the names of two referees who can comment effectively on your skills, abilities, depth of experience and work performance. It is preferred that your referees are either current or recent supervisors rather than peers or subordinates. Where required, the panel will request your referees to return their completed report within one week of your interview, therefore it is important to keep your referees informed during the process.

For applicants that are shortlisted, all other capabilities will be assessed at a later stage in the process.

Please *ensure you have plenty of time to submit your application* to allow for unanticipated problems, as **late and proforma applications will not be accepted**. If you are having problems lodging your application online, please contact recruitment@treasury.wa.gov.au or (08) 6551 2403.

For further information:

Click [here](#) For further information or please contact Mr Michael Eaton, Director, Corporate Strategy and Performance on 6551 2419 or by email at michael.eaton@treasury.wa.gov.au (not to be contacted for assistance with lodging your application).

Closing date: Monday 12 March 2018 at 9.00 pm (WST)

Property Market Analyst

- Exciting, diverse Head Office role
- Share your passion for research across 5 key Australian residential capital markets
- Fantastic, modern North Sydney office with Harbour views
- Turn statistics into creative, educational customer publications

Are you a research professional who is looking for a new challenge? Do you want exposure to multiple residential markets at a national level? Then Ironfish wants to hear from you.

Ironfish is one of Australia's leading property investment services firm with a growing branch network across Australia and China. In just under 12 years we have grown to have 14 Branches, over 300 staff and thousands of loyal investors who trust us to help them achieve their goals for later in life.

We are looking for a passionate and dynamic Property Market Analyst to work closely with our Property Director and Executive Management team. In this key Head Office role you will take full ownership of a range of research projects including our industry leading MyCity and MyMarket reports.

With your passion for statistics and sharp analytical skills you will deliver a range of reports and commentary on the latest market insights including economic trends, drivers and patterns. You will also help to grow and shape the research material produced to ensure Ironfish is at the forefront of residential research nationally.

This is a unique opportunity for an experienced and dynamic professional who wants to grow and further diversify their career with a progressive and leading organisation. To be considered you must have:

- Currently hold or are working towards formal tertiary qualifications in Property, Economics, Commerce, Business, Finance, Law, Research or a related field.
- Minimum 3-5 years experience preparing comprehensive research reports and analysis across a range of economic issues
- Have a strong understanding of and can interpret data to create engaging reports, videos and educational material
- Proven online and offline research skills in order to monitor residential markets
- Can confidently prepare and present accurate statistical data and analytical information
- Can do, positive attitude with high levels of resilience when faced with challenges
- Strong critical thinking skills and forward thinker who can adapt, grow and deliver high quality results in a collaborative and dynamic team environment.
- Advanced PC skills including Excel, Office and other databases (Price Finder)

Be part of the Ironfish success story as we:

- Offer a dynamic and supportive team environment
- Pride ourselves on being proactive and having a "can do" attitude
- Value our staff and celebrate their achievements with regular events and rewards
- Offer a long term career platform and growth opportunities

This is once in a lifetime opportunity to grow with an industry leader. In return you will be part of an innovative team who value those who think outside the square. If you are interested please apply and tell us how you can help us be the most admired property investment services firm.

Applications to be sent to careers@ironfish.com.au

Graduate Economists - Canberra and Melbourne

Applications for the Productivity Commission's 2019 Graduate program are now open. We are looking for high-calibre economics graduates who are interested in working on a range of challenging public policy issues affecting the welfare of Australians. Positions are available in both our Canberra and Melbourne offices.

Successful applicants will demonstrate an awareness of Australian economic conditions and economic policy and a range of capabilities including applied economic research and analysis, analytical and investigative skills, good communication skills and the ability to work effectively as part of a team.

The Commission offers excellent development opportunities. As well as a comprehensive graduate program, our graduates work with some of the best and most experienced policy analysts in the country and have access to both on-the-job and formal training throughout their career.

For further details and to apply, please visit Commission's website at www.pc.gov.au/careers.

Applications close on 8 April 2018 and should be submitted via the Commission's website.

Research Fellow/Senior Research Fellow - Economic Modeller, Centre of Policy Studies

Research Fellow/Senior Research Fellow - Economic Modeller, Centre of Policy Studies

Academic B, \$108,747- \$129,135 per annum, Academic C, \$133,216 - \$153,605 per annum (inclusive of 17% employer superannuation). This is a full time (36.75 hours per week) fixed term 1 year appointment with the expectation of ongoing annual renewal subject to satisfactory performance.

- Join a leading research institution
- Work in a high performing and motivated team
- Located at our City Flinders campus

About the Organisation

Victoria University aims to be a great university of the 21st century by being inclusive rather than exclusive. We champion the student, not the institution. As the university of opportunity and success, we will be open and excellent, creating exceptional value for any student from any background and uplifting the communities in which we operate. Victoria University has a distinctive dual-sector structure, supporting stronger education and career pathways. The university aspires to deliver a learning and teaching experience that empowers a diversity of students to grow their capabilities and transform their lives for the better.

About the Role

An opportunity exists for a highly motivated researcher with strong quantitative skills to join the economic modelling team at the Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS) at Victoria University. CoPS specialises in the development and application of large-scale computable general equilibrium (CGE) models. CoPS' researchers are the creators of a number of high profile CGE models, and the CGE modelling software package, GEMPACK, used at more than 700 sites in over 95 countries. Each year, CoPS undertakes contract research studies for private and public sector agencies around the world. Recent CoPS studies have covered a wide range of policy topics in such diverse areas as: tax, trade, macro policy, climate change, water policy, banking and finance, migration, major projects, microeconomic reform, transport, labour markets, urban policy, terrorism and natural disasters. Working under the broad direction of the Director of CoPS and other senior CoPS staff, the researcher will be required to undertake research in the development, application and/or computation of large-scale economy-wide models.

About the Person

The position will appeal to a researcher who has a strong background in applied economics or a relevant quantitative background in applied mathematics or computer science, and who values the importance of detailed quantitative analysis in informing evidence-based decision making in economics. The position represents an excellent opportunity for a person with the necessary modelling skills to join and play a valued role in this highly regarded research centre. Familiarity with computable general equilibrium modelling is desirable, but we would also welcome inquiries from candidates with skills in either a related area of economy-wide modelling, such as DSGE or macro econometrics, or in areas of applied mathematics or computer science relevant to the solution of large-scale models.

Duties

Duties will include:

- Undertaking economic research for diverse funding agencies, nationally and internationally
- Undertaking development of large-scale economic models
- Training others in the development and application of large scale economic models

Skills & Expertise

A full list of selection criteria is available in the Position Description

Benefits

- Salary sacrifice options
- Professional development opportunities
- Flexible working arrangements available

How to apply:

For a Position Description and to submit an application please visit our website www.vu.edu.au/jobs

Applications must be submitted as a single document comprising;

- A cover letter
- Your CV
- Your responses to the selection criteria listed in the Position Description

Please note: Applications which do not address the selection criteria will not be considered.

Applications close: 4.00 pm Wednesday 28 March 2018

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About the Person

The position is suited to a researcher with strong quantitative skills and a background in urban, regional or transport economics or econometrics, or in related fields of allied disciplines (e.g. operations research). It will appeal to someone who values the importance of detailed quantitative economic analysis in informing decision making in transport and land use planning and policy. The position represents an excellent opportunity for a person with the necessary modelling skills to join and play a valued role in this highly regarded research centre and to contribute to a new and expanding area of CoPS' economic research activities.

Duties

Duties will include:

- Undertaking economic research for diverse funding agencies, nationally and internationally
- Undertaking development of large-scale economic models
- Training others in the development and application of large scale economic models

Skills & Expertise

We seek applications from candidates with skills and expertise in at least one of the following areas. A full list of selection criteria is available in the Position Description

- Urban economic modelling
- Transport network modelling
- Spatial econometrics

Benefits

- Salary sacrifice options
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