

Vice Chancellor's Strategic Research Scholarship

Co-opetition and Semi-peripheral Economies in a Globalizing World: The case of New Zealand and Chile

School of Earth Science

This project will involve investigations into the economic integration and interaction between New Zealand and Chile in the context of the recent signing of the Closer Economic Partnership between the two countries. In particular the candidate will undertake research on the evolution of commodity chains and local clusters in five currently competing export sectors (fruit, forestry, fisheries, wine and dairy) and analyse the potential for co-opetition as the impacts of the agreement unfold. This will involve work at the sites of production in both New Zealand and Chile which analyse the nature of local development linked to these chains. The student would join a vibrant community of postgraduates in Geography and Development Studies. It is essential that the candidate has a strong background in Economic Geography, preferably in the area of international trade and development. Applicants from the fields of development studies, comparative political-economy/political science, and international economics are also encouraged to apply.

The deadline for applications from potential PhD candidates is **18 July 2005**.

For application forms and further information: www.vuw.ac.nz/scholarships

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