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New Researcher Development Grants – Housing Research

The Centre for Housing Research, Aotearoa New Zealand – Kainga Tipu (CHRANZ) is calling for applications from postgraduate students in tertiary education institutions, for grants to undertake housing research as part of their postgraduate degrees. These grants would be ideal for students planning to start their dissertations or Masters.

You will find enclosed:

- New Researcher Development Grant Application Form
- Process Timetable
- Parameters for Research Budgets

When assessing the grant applications, CHRANZ will be referring to its research priority framework and current research programme. CHRANZ's research programmes for the next two–three years consist of two key strands:

- **The New Zealand Housing System**
This includes the future of home ownership, affordable housing, and housing stock suitability.
- **Linking Housing and Social, Cultural, Economic and Environmental Outcomes**
This includes investigating connections between housing, labour markets and education and the development of sustainable settlements.

When CHRANZ was established, one of its stated objectives was to develop and increase the capacity and capability of researchers to make a sustained contribution to quality housing research in the future. CHRANZ recognised that meeting this objective might be achieved through a number of initiatives but one of the most significant ways of strengthening the research capacity would be by providing some financial support for suitably qualified postgraduate students to work on housing research. CHRANZ is offering four research grants of \$3000 each to support postgraduate students to develop their research skills and interests in housing. The grants will be awarded to encourage research that is consistent with the Centre's research investment priorities.

CHRANZ has a wide research remit and encourages lateral thinking by potential applicants. In previous years CHRANZ has awarded grants for research into *The Price Impacts of the Leaky Building Syndrome*, *Housing Issues for the Tongan Community in Otara*, *Vulnerable Migrant Groups: A Housing Perspective*, *Buying a First Home: Generation X in the Auckland Housing Market*, and *Village People: The Changing Role of Retirement Villages in New Zealand's Ageing Society*. The breadth of CHRANZ's remit is also evident in the range of housing research projects completed and in progress (see www.chranz.co.nz). These are a further guide to possible topics for research.

Please note that applications for funding will close on 31 March 2010. If you require any further information please contact me on 04 439 3326 or terrence.aschoff@chranz.co.nz. Further copies of the New Researcher Development Grant application form and information can be downloaded from the CHRANZ website.

Yours sincerely



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