



### Three Fully Funded PhD Scholarships within the ARC Centre for Forest Value and Tasmanian School of Business and Economics

Three PhD opportunities are available in the area of environmental and resource economics focussed on the forestry sector. The scholarships form part of the broader programme funded by the Tasmanian State Government to improve forestry-related socio-economic data to facilitate policy analysis in environmental decision making within the Forest Practices System. These research opportunities would suit environmental or resource economists or biological scientists / ecologists with a demonstrated capacity to work across disciplines.

*The Forest Practices Authority (FPA)* is the independent statutory authority responsible for forestry regulation on Crown and private lands and is co-funding the PhD scholarships. The aim is to further develop strategic economic and related social advice to the FPA to augment existing environmental advisory services and consider economic and related social data. PhDs will be supervised across the ARC Centre for Forest Value, the Tasmanian School of Business and Economics and the FPA.

*The Australian Research Council (ARC) Centre for Forest Value* is based in the School of Natural Sciences at the University of Tasmania. The Centre's objectives are to provide advanced training and research opportunities along the forest to end-product supply chain and build capacity to improve the productivity and competitiveness of the Australian Forest Products sector. It will use leading-edge tracking, characterisation and design technologies to provide high-resolution information to maximise timber value and utilisation from forests managed according to principles of ecological sustainability. The Centre combines a unique set of partners from both industry and academia, from forest managers to architects and engineers, to ensure a two-way flow of information, from forests to design and manufacturing.

To date three post-doctoral fellows and ten PhD candidates have been appointed, and there are also eight affiliated PhD students. This enables the Centre to study a diverse range of areas across the forest supply chain. These new PhD positions will fall within a new theme within the ARC Training Centre: Environmental and Resource Economics.

*The Tasmanian School of Business and Economics* aims to advance the well-being, economic and social development of the people of Tasmania. Key focus is placed upon fostering resilience and the promotion of sustainable growth whilst accepting the need for adaptive capacity. Within the discipline of economics there has been a recent focus placed upon recruitment in the field of environmental and resource economics, including the development of a new undergraduate major in

Environmental and Resource Economics. There is a developing cohort of PhD candidates (10+) working across energy, environmental and resource issues.

These scholarships are open to both domestic and international candidates and provide an indexed cost of living stipend (AUD \$27,082 in 2018) for a 3 year period.

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