

THINK TANK PROJECT LEADER

The New Zealand Institute is a privately funded non-partisan think tank committed to improving long term economic, social, and environmental outcomes for New Zealand and New Zealanders. The Institute conducts research, develops policy proposals, and advocates adoption of our proposals. We participate in the national debate.

Members and staff are all committed to helping New Zealand to be successful and the Institute provides us with an opportunity to combine our efforts to get results none of us could achieve alone. We cooperate with the leading participants in the sectors we work in when we conduct our research and advocacy. New Zealand's small size and our established reputation mean we can engage personally with the important decision-makers and influencers.

Our most recent project examined the requirements for establishing a successful innovation ecosystem in New Zealand. Innovation is the foundation of economic success in advanced economies. We are launching a follow-on project that builds on that work to identify what is required to ensure an adequate flow of talent and capital to innovative firms, and to ensure that the required changes are implemented.

We are also working on a project that will engage New Zealanders in thinking about what is important for societal success by developing a set of performance indicators for the country. The indicators will be presented on our website, along with content explaining why each is important and what is being done to improve them. Our intention is to lift the quantity and quality of dialogue about how New Zealand can be successful.

Other planned work-streams include:

- A contribution to the current debate about economic strategy for New Zealand emphasising the importance of innovation, shifting the sector mix of the economy, and ensuring sufficient supply of capital to productive enterprises. We have established that these are important requirements for success and New Zealand currently underperforms on them all

- A project examining the management of social issues in New Zealand designed to reduce harm to individuals and improve economic outcomes

- A major speech on how green economic policy can lift overall economic performance

The Institute is looking for an exceptional researcher to join our team. Our working style is to conduct rigorous research and engage in internal and external debate as we develop sound diagnoses and implementable solutions.

The successful candidate will have:

- exceptional academic achievement
- creativity and capacity for independent thought
- data gathering and quantitative analytic skills
- well developed written and oral communication skills
- ability to work effectively within a collegial team
- sufficient relevant experience to lead a small project team
- evidence of drive and success.

The role provides a unique opportunity to work on important issues, learn, and make a substantial contribution to New Zealand's future.

Understanding of New Zealand, government, public policy and economics would be an advantage.

The Institute is located in the Viaduct, Auckland CBD.

Further information about the New Zealand Institute and our work can be found on our website:

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