

# Summer Research Position

## *“The role of Strategic Planning in Managing Crises”*

The Resilient Organisations research programme ([www.resorgs.org.nz](http://www.resorgs.org.nz)) is seeking a top student to be part of an innovative research project aiming to improve the resilience of NZ organisations to major crises.

The ability of business leaders to think strategically during the midst of a crisis, and to develop and communicate their recovery vision and strategic recovery objectives are key factors in an organisation’s long term survival. At present however there is very little advice available for business leaders on how to do this most effectively.

This research project will require learning about the strategic planning process and the role that strategic planning has during crisis response. It will also involve undertaking several case studies of organisations that have experienced major crises in the past.

We are looking for a top student who has completed their third year at university or higher. Current postgraduate students are also welcome to apply. The ideal candidate would have some background in business management, but this is not a pre-requisite. We are more interested in finding a student who is very **intelligent, creative** and who has **excellent communication skills**.

The research project will be supervised by Dr John Vargo from the Department of Accounting, Finance and Information Systems, and Dr Erica Seville from the Department of Civil Engineering.

The position will pay **\$20 per hour** for an **up-to full time** position over the summer period.

If this sounds like you, please email your CV and a cover letter saying why this position would suit you to [erica.seville@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:erica.seville@canterbury.ac.nz).

**Applications close on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2007.**