



## **AIST – Melbourne Centre for Financial Studies: Superannuation Fund Board Governance**

### **Workshop**

“Superannuation Board Governance: Search for a Super Model”

### **First Announcement and Call for Participation**

Melbourne, Wednesday May 7th, 2008

This workshop is being held to provide an opportunity for researchers on governance and superannuation to present work in progress, develop contacts with other researchers and industry, to identify topics on which research is needed, and to promote further academic research into superannuation fund governance. AIST in conjunction with MCFS is organising the workshop with the objective of encouraging high quality research into topics of interest and value to superannuation funds and identifying areas where it is able to provide support for such research. The workshop will be held immediately after a major industry conference on May 6<sup>th</sup> being organized by AIST and MCFS on the topic and *academic workshop participants are encouraged to also attend that event* (free of charge).

The workshop will involve presentations and discussion of academic research working papers, panel session and open forum discussions on research topics of interest to both industry and academia, and presentations by industry leaders and invited international speakers. AIST will provide information to participants on data resources which it is able to provide, or assist in developing, for future academic research.

Topics of interest which the workshop organisers would like to see covered include:

The suitability of existing governance structures	Objectives for Superannuation Fund Boards
The relevance of ASX Corporate Governance Guidelines	Risk Management Structures and Arrangements
Measuring Superannuation Fund Board Performance	Implications of public offer status
Board/CEO remuneration and performance	Outsourcing and Advice: Issues for Boards
Regulatory requirements	Not-for profits v Retail (for profit) funds
	International Comparisons

Interested researchers are invited to submit an expression of interest to participate in the workshop to [david.michell@melbournecentre.com.au](mailto:david.michell@melbournecentre.com.au). Invited participants will be expected to: present or be a discussant of a working paper; actively participate as a lead speaker in a roundtable discussion of one of the topics listed above; contribute to an open forum on identifying a research agenda on superannuation fund governance. Expressions of interest from individuals interested in undertaking PhD research in the area are also encouraged, and from academics interested in developing a research agenda in the area as well as from those already working in the area.

The workshop will be limited to approximately 30-40 participants, of whom around half are anticipated to be academic researchers. AIST will provide travel grants of up to \$600 each for academic attendees from outside Melbourne

It would be appreciated if recipients of this announcement would bring it to the attention of colleagues to whom it may be of interest, and also encourage potential PhD students with interests in the area to respond.

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