

Robbie Maris

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Personal Statement

I have a thirst for knowledge and am constantly looking for opportunities to extend the scientific frontier, while also ensuring my work has impact, reaches appropriate audiences, and is understandable by all. I am a strong advocate for the integration of science and business principles and believe that in combining these two mindsets we can produce innovative, practical, and impactful solutions to some of society's most pressing issues. My other love is in supporting football, and in giving back to the community through volunteering, tutoring and community work. My ultimate aim is to lead impactful research that contributes to sustainable economic growth, policymaking, and innovation that supports society in addressing a range of complex issues.

Tertiary Education

2023-2027	MPhil/PhD	(Education Economics) University College London. Topic: <i>The Social Mobility and Educational Impacts of T Level Qualifications</i>
2022-2023	MMS	(Economics) University of Waikato, New Zealand. Topic: <i>Field Experiments to Promote Volunteering for Nature Restoration Groups</i> . (First Class Honours)
2019-2021	BBus	(Economics & Chemistry) University of Waikato, New Zealand. 8.9 (A+)

Employment History

Lincoln University, New Zealand **Mar 2022-now**

Research Assistant, Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce

In this casual, fixed term role I assisted with the survey design and impact evaluation of an undergraduate mental health education programme. This includes data analyses and propensity score matching in R, and writing mixed methods research papers.

EnviroStrat, New Zealand **Nov 2021-Aug 2023**

Researcher in Environmental Economics (formerly an Intern)

I work in highly collaborative teams on a variety of client-driven research projects incorporating the UN SEAA-Water natural capital accounting framework, conservation finance and land use conversion research. The role required strong communication, teamwork, analytical and GIS skills.

University of Waikato, New Zealand **Mar 2021-Mar 2023**

Research Assistant, School of Economics

Provided research support to an environmental economist, using independent research skills, communication and applied econometrics in R and Stata statistical packages. Contributed to research across environmental, behavioral and health economics.

University of Waikato, New Zealand **Feb 2023-now**
Economics Tutor **Jun-Nov 2020**

Responsible for providing feedback to 30 students in the Economics and Society (ECONS102) paper, using clear and concise communication, time-management and leadership skills. In 2023, teaching two practical lab sessions for BUSAN205 (data analytics) in Microsoft Excel.

Boards, Committees, Volunteer, and Administration Experience

Membership of Boards, Committees and Societies

- 2013-now** *WaiBOP Football Federation and New Zealand Football: Community Football Referee* on Saturdays and Sundays and training (twice a week); **Match official** for NZ ISPS Handa Mens' and Womens' Premiership (National League, 2017 - present); **Invited referee for international tournaments** (2017-2018); **WaiBOP's Most Promising Youth Referee** (2017, 2018, 2019); **Best referee award** at the Kanga Cup in Australia (2018)
- 2021-2023** **Invited Member of University of Waikato Scholarships Committee** (student representative).

Other Volunteer Experience

- 2016-2020** Community events volunteering (Hamilton Garden Arts Festival, rubbish clean-ups, Trees at the Meteor event assistance), junior football coaching (2016-2017) and SSS (Students Supporting Students) tutor at Tauranga Boys College.

Selected Awards and Achievements

- 2023 UBEL Economic and Social Research Council Doctoral Studentship (\$189,000)
- 2023 2023 William Georgetti Scholar (\$135,000)
- 2023 2023 Rhodes Scholarship Finalist (New Zealand)
- 2022 New Zealand Association of Economists (NZAE) Jan Whitwell Prize for Best Masters/Honours Presentation (\$1,000); New Zealand Association of Agricultural and Resource Economics (NZARES) Postgraduate Award (\$1,500)
- 2022 Freemasons Postgraduate Scholarship (\$10,000)
- 2022 Masters Research Scholarship from Manaaki Whenua for Strategic Objective 2 of the Biological Heritage National Science Challenge (\$44,700)
- 2021-2022 University of Waikato Research Masters Scholarship (\$15,000)
- 2020 High-Value Nutrition Scholarship for Best Eureka! Presentation (\$5,000)
- 2020 Brian Perry Charitable Trust Management Scholarship (\$6,000)
- 2020-2021 Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards National Finalist (\$2,000 each)
- 2019, 2020 University of Waikato Summer Research Scholarship (\$6,000 each); poster Prize
- 2019-2022 Five Subject University of Waikato Awards (Economics and Science)
- 2018-2021 Te Paewai o te Rangi: Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement (\$28,000)
- 2018-2021 Kelliher Economics Foundation Scholarship (\$16,000)
- 2018 New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) Scholarship Award (Scholarship in Economics, Chemistry and Statistics; \$6,000 total)

Publications, Working Papers and Presentations

Publications

Maris R & M Holmes. (2023). Economic Growth Theory and Natural Resource Constraints: A Stocktake and Critical Assessment. *Australian Economic Review*.

Maris R & Y Matthews. (2023). Are Views of Water Bodies Related to Water Consumption? An Empirical Analysis from New Zealand. *Water Resources and Economics*.

Maris R & M Cameron. (2023). The Labour Market Tradeoffs of Pet Ownership. *Economics and Business Letters*.

Maris R & Z Dorner. (2022). An Analysis of Operating Profit Margin: A Valuable Tool for New Zealand Dairy Farmers. *New Zealand Economic Papers*.

Working Papers

Maris R, Z Dorner and F Carlsson. (*Proposal Accepted at Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*). Environmental Identity in Economics and Policymaking.

Dorner Z, **R Maris**, S Hess and S Tucker. *Social Media and the Evolution of Vaccine Preferences During the Covid-19 Pandemic*. (submitted Jan 22, 2023)

Stanley-Clarke N, A Hay, **R Maris**, A Ryan, J Knook and L Winder. (*R&R at Higher Education Research and Development*). Optimism Bias as a Barrier to Accessing Mental Health Support Amongst Tertiary Students. (due October 23, 2023)

McLeod L, D Hine, T Milfont, Z Dorner, N Tassell-Matamua, **R Maris**, J Kitson & P Brown . *Protecting and Restoring Freshwater Biodiversity Across Urban Areas in Aotearoa New Zealand: Citizens' Reporting of Pollution in Stormwater Drains and Waterways*. (submitted August 17, 2023)

Hay A, N Stanley-Clarke, **R Maris**, L Winder & J Knook (*R&R at Health Education Journal*). Building connections: The importance of relationships in health and wellbeing education. (due September 28, 2023)

Winder L, N Stanley-Clarke, **R Maris**, J Knook & A Hay. *Wellbeing education increases skills and knowledge among tertiary students in the agricultural sector: insights from a mixed methods study*. (submitted September 11, 2023)

Tran M, S Hess, E Huynh, E Lancsar, K Glass, Z Dorner & **R Maris**. *Temporal stability of preferences: The case of COVID-19 vaccines in Australia and New Zealand*. (Work in Progress)

Pre-Conference Workshops

Islam, A., Z Dorner, R Maris and N Ratna. (2023, February 7). *Randomised Controlled Trials for Agricultural, Resource, Development, and Environmental Economics: Challenges, Evidence & Lessons*. Australasian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society (AARES) 2023 Conference. Full Day Workshop.

Conference Presentations

Maris, R. (2023, June 1). *How Do First-Time Experiences Affect Future Behaviour and Attitudes - A Field Experiment on Volunteering for Nature Restoration Groups* [Paper presentation]. Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference 2023. Portland, Maine, US.

- Maris, R. (2023, February 9). *Designing Field Experiments to Promote Volunteering for Urban Restoration Groups* [Paper presentation]. Australasian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society (AARES) 2023 Conference.
- Maris, R. (2022, September 1). *Fostering Freshwater Conservation in Urban Populations: Insights from Field Experiments in New Zealand* [Paper presentation]. New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics (NZARES) Society Annual Conference 2022. <https://www.nzaeconference.co.nz/programme-day-1>
- Maris, R. (2022, June 29). *Social Media and the evolution of vaccine preferences during the Covid-19 pandemic* [Paper presentation]. New Zealand Association of Economists (NZAE) Annual Conference 2022. <https://www.nzaeconference.co.nz/programme-day-1>
- Maris, R. (2022, February 9). *An analysis of operating profit margin: A valuable tool for New Zealand dairy farmers* [Paper presentation]. Australasian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society (AARES) 2022 Conference. <https://www.aares.org.au/Events/AARES-2022/introduction>