WORKSHOP ON TEACHER QUALITY
CALL FOR PAPERS

International research is increasingly highlighting the importance of teacher quality in improving student performance. However, there has been relatively little research conducted on teacher quality in Australia.

To address this issue, a one-day workshop will be held at the Australian National University on 5 February 2007, featuring Australian and international speakers. Topics to be addressed include: conceptualising and measuring teacher quality, understanding changes in teacher quality over time, analysing the dispersion of teacher quality, teacher quality and disadvantaged students, teacher pay and teacher quality. Empirical or theoretical papers are welcome.

The primary focus of the workshop will be on research conducted in economics, though quantitative researchers from other disciplines are also encouraged to participate. It is expected that policymakers from state and federal education authorities will also attend the workshop.

Researchers interested in presenting a paper at the workshop are invited to submit a one-page abstract to andrew.leigh@anu.edu.au. Travel and accommodation costs for accepted paper presenters will be covered. At this stage, there are no plans to separately publish the proceedings of the workshop.

Timetable
Deadline for abstract submissions: 30 September 2006
Announcement of accepted papers: By 31 October 2006
Full papers due: 20 December 2006.

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