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Professor Ahmad Etebari spent spring 2009 involved in a number of academic initiatives in New Zealand.



Ahmad Etebari on the road to Akaroa, a lovely resort town near Christchurch, NZ.

On sabbatical leave from UNH, I spent the spring semester of 2009 at Canterbury University (UC) in Christchurch, New Zealand. While there, I participated in the UC business school's weekly economics and finance seminars, worked on an existing research project, and initiated work on a new joint project with a colleague at UC (currently in progress). I also met with my former colleagues at the University of Otago in Dunedin and Waikato University in Hamilton, where I had previously been a visitor, as well as Auckland University of Technology (AUT) in Auckland.

In support of travel within New Zealand I received a faculty grant of \$500. The grant funded most of my travel expenses to Dunedin and Auckland. In these trips I met with my colleagues at Otago and AUT in regard to the possibility of starting a student exchange and/or study abroad program with each university. I am currently working with the international programs staff of UC and AUT on a study abroad program for our students at UNH. From what I gather, most universities in New Zealand (as well as those in Australia, such as Bond University, where I have been a visitor previously) would welcome student study abroad arrangements directly through us rather than deal with specialized agencies, such as Butler or Arcadia.

This was my sixth semester-long visit to New Zealand. My previous visits there were in 1988, 1995, 1996, 2002, 2003, and 2006. These visits have been highly beneficial to my teaching and research. The CIE grant enabled me to strengthen my ties to New Zealand and continue my long-standing engagements in research about the international capital market. It also provided support for taking a first step in establishing a formal study abroad program with universities in New Zealand and Australia.



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