HOT TOPICS

- Earth Sciences scholarships
- UTAS success in ARC grants
- Young Tassie Scientists
- New Rhodes Scholar

2008 applications
Applications for UTAS for 2008 are still open for some programs. Phone the Uni Info Centre on 1300 363 864 for more information on course options still available.

Earth Sciences scholarships
UTAS is offering some very lucrative scholarships for honours study in earth sciences for 2008, ranging from $3000 to $20,000 a year. With the current major mining industry boom, graduates can expect excellent job prospects, opportunities for travel, and starting salaries of $70,000–$110,000! Scholarship applications close 30 Nov. 2007. For more information, contact Tas.Scholarships@utas.edu.au

Despite Prof Bennett’s high-level research activity, students studying History at UTAS are privileged to have access to Prof Bennett’s expertise, whose teaching commitments include first-year units.

UTAS success in ARC grants
The University of Tasmania secured over $5 million in recent Australian Research Council grants. Among the successful academics was Prof. Michael Bennett from the School of History & Classics, who received $300,000 for research into a global smallpox inoculation program that occurred over 200 years ago, and how the success of that program might be applied to modern health concerns such as bird flu and malaria.

Accommodation Services
Have you got students coming to UTAS in 2008?
Don’t let them wait until they have their Uni acceptance – apply for accommodation now!

Don’t miss out!
Applications can be completed online:
Details of the type of accommodation and facilities can be viewed at:
If after viewing the website you still have questions, please contact:
enquiries@accommodation.utas.edu.au

Young Tassie Scientists
From King Island to Geeveston, this year’s Young Tassie Scientist program reached over 2500 students in 30 schools around the state. Thirteen early career researchers, including UTAS postgraduate students and recent graduates, were involved in the program, which promotes awareness of the value and relevance of science, engineering and technology. The Young Tassie Scientists presented a range of talks and hands-on activities, covering topics from brush-tail possums to brain injury. Profiles can be found at www.youngtassiescientists.com

The program is supported through funding from DEST as part of National Science Week, as well as the Department of Economic Development and the Faculty of Science, Engineering & Technology.
Jess Andrewartha is investigating ways to make hydro-electricity generation more efficient: “By reducing the friction between the water and the concrete canals that deliver the water from the dams to the power stations, we can deliver more water at a faster rate to the turbines. I work both out in the field and in a high-tech laboratory and spend a lot of time investigating how freshwater algae moves around in flowing water.”

2008 Rhodes Scholar
Lionel Nichols was recently announced as the 2008 recipient of the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. Lionel graduated with a combined Arts–Law degree in 2006, having intermitted his studies with a one-year Master of International Politics.

Lionel completed his senior secondary schooling at Elizabeth College in Hobart. His academic career at UTAS has been impressive, with numerous awards for academic achievement. He has a substantial amount of voluntary experience, including providing pro bono advice to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Melbourne and the Homeless Persons Legal Clinic.

Now based in Victoria, Lionel expects to be admitted to practice in March 2008. His plan for the future is to work as an international criminal lawyer.

Creative Arts Summer School
Why not get ‘hands-on’ in a creative arts workshop during the summer holidays and discover your individual response to the unique Tasmanian environment?

Applications are still open for the Tasmanian Creative Arts Summer School, which is coordinated by the Academy of the Arts in Launceston and runs from 9–18 January 2008.

Creative Arts workshops include: Art and the Wilderness, Computer Imaging, Culinary Design, Fibre and Form (Textiles), Performing Tasmania (Theatre), Playing Shakespeare: Rhetoric and Reality, Sculpture: Fine Art Metal Casting, and Background to Asian Theatres.

The Summer School will be held in world-class facilities in Launceston and the workshops are to be taught by outstanding tutors, many with international reputations.

For more information please visit: http://www.acadarts.utas.edu.au/summer_school/ or call (03) 6324 4400 for a copy of the brochure. Enrolment deadline is 14 December 2007.

@ UTAS – Newsletter for future students
To keep deferred and prospective students up-to-date with what’s happening at UTAS, SRMU is producing a bi-annual newsletter called @UTAS. The newsletter, which can be viewed on the website or via email subscription, features student profiles, information about new courses and facilities and upcoming events and key dates. The first edition, produced in September, can be viewed now at www.utas.edu.au/futurestudents. The next issue will be produced in April 2008.