Professional Development Opportunity

HECS Scholarships for Staff of the Department of Health & Human Services

Take advantage of a professional or personal development opportunity that provides university study covered by a HECS scholarship, in a choice of more than 100 courses.

Professional or personal development is an ideal way of keeping your knowledge and skills updated, as well as improving your career opportunities.

The University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) are committed to a collaboration that provides ongoing support and learning opportunities for all staff working in the DHHS. This commitment flows through to all levels of departmental employees – medical, nursing, general and administrative staff – with an initiative that offers HECS scholarships for university study valued at up to $2,520 per year.

All eligible staff will be entitled to a HECS scholarship for study of up to 25% of a full-time university load per annum. This may be made up of two 12.5% units or one 25% unit each year*.

Which courses can I choose from?

Eligible employees may choose from units in any of the University's undergraduate courses or those postgraduate coursework programs that are offered on a Commonwealth supported basis. Commonwealth Supported Places are available in all undergraduate degrees and many postgraduate programs. The HECS scholarships can be applied to units undertaken for professional or personal development as well as units undertaken for general interest*.

Scholarships will be available for DHHS nursing staff enrolling in some postgraduate courses available through the University's School of Health Sciences. Please talk to the School to find out more.

How do I qualify for a HECS scholarship?

This opportunity is extended to all employees of the DHHS who:

- are employed by the DHHS on a continuing basis (full-time or part-time) or who are on a fixed-term contract of 12 months or more; and
- will continue to be employed within the sector while undertaking the HECS scholarship units; and
- are eligible for a Commonwealth supported place under the HECS-HELP system (this applies to most people – see www.studyassist.gov.au for eligibility guidelines); and
- are not currently receiving any other University of Tasmania HECS scholarships.

How do I get started?

There are a number of steps to take in order to get started on your study and HECS scholarship at the University of Tasmania:

- Decide which course you are interested in – if you are unsure, contact the Uni Info Centre on 1300 363 864 or Course.Info@utas.edu.au for information and course advice.
- Submit your application online at www.utas.edu.au/apply

The HECS Scholarship is available for study until 31 December 2017.

*Information on current course fees can be found at www.futurestudents.utas.edu.au/course-costs.

* University of Tasmania reserves the right to limit enrolments in high demand units and courses, so act early to avoid disappointment.
Once you have received your offer of a place at the University of Tasmania, follow the instructions provided to accept the offer and arrange to attend a Ready for Uni workshop. Here you will receive necessary information and have the opportunity to complete your enrolment for the units you will be studying.

When completing your enrolment in the eSTUDENTCENTRE (www.studentcentre.utas.edu.au/enrolments) you must also complete the HECS scholarship application (accessed via the ‘Scholarships’ option listed on the side menu). You will be required to enter your name, email address and phone number, as well as your employer name and your staff ID number (to ensure eligibility, the university will verify your name and staff ID with your employer).

The scholarship deduction will appear on the fees invoice sent to you by the University of Tasmania.

DHSS staff who have been away from study for a number of years should plan to attend ‘UniStart’ — an introduction to study at the University of Tasmania. This four-day course takes place just prior to the start of each semester, and is also available online.

Who can I contact for more information?

For more information about the HECS Scholarships and course information, including general information about the university contact the Uni Info Centre on 1300 363 864 or email Course.Info@utas.edu.au

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After completing my Graduate Diploma of e-Health (Health Informatics) I commenced the Master of Health (Specialisation) degree with a focus on e-Health, whilst also covering other topics like Legal Issues, Project Management and Research.

‘Flexibility with study has to be my favourite aspect of this course so far. The ability to access all relevant information online at a time that suits me is fantastic. Even though I’m studying by distance I haven’t lost the interaction with fellow students. This is well catered for in the online learning software MyLO (My Learning Online) because it facilitates communication with fellow students and lecturers through online tutorials and other interactive postings.

‘My current role as Clinical Network Policy & Project Officer (Cancer) is to oversee the development of the Tasmanian Cancer Clinical Network. I work with the Clinical Leader and Steering Committee to support the development of the network governance, structure, stakeholder engagement, communication and strategic work plan. We also work towards enhancing collaboration and communication between clinicians, service providers, patients and community stakeholders of cancer services in Tasmania.

‘The postgraduate study I’m doing will offer increased depth to my skill set, and in turn help to inform my career path moving forward.’

1University of Tasmania reserves the right to amend scholarship allocation against units if necessary for administrative purposes. A maximum of 100% load per year applies for eligible staff studying for professional and/or personal development.

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Australian Students
For further information about the University, including course information and application processes, contact the Uni Info Centre.
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International Students
For intending International students, detailed information on the content of these and other University of Tasmania courses, campuses, facilities, fees, refund policy, rules of admission and assessment, the ESOS Framework and an overview of the local Tasmanian environment, please visit www.utas.edu.au/international
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Please be advised that not all courses offered by the University of Tasmania are available to Overseas/International Students.