WELCOME!

Welcome to the April edition of UTAS eNEWS. UTAS eNEWS is sent out every February, April, June, August and October; the next addition will be coming out in the middle of June.

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We hope that you find UTAS eNEWS a valuable resource.

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2009 CAREER ADVISOR SYMPOSIUM

The 2009 UTAS Career Advisor Symposium was held last month with 49 Tasmanian and interstate Career Advisors participating in the main Symposium day at the Newnham campus. The event gave Career Advisors the opportunity to participate in course information workshops, tours of facilities and network with other participants.

The 2010 Career Advisor Symposium will be held in March with the main Symposium day to be held at the Sandy Bay campus.

PROPOSED EDUCATION COURSES RESTRUCTURE

The UTAS Faculty of Education is proposing three major changes to the undergraduate Education courses, effective Semester 1 2010. These changes are:

1) Consolidating 4 existing Education courses; namely the Bachelor of Education & Care (Early Years), Bachelor of Education (In-service), Bachelor of Human Movement and Bachelor of Education; into 1 flexible course – the NEW Bachelor of Education.

The Bachelor of Education is being redeveloped in-line with the UTAS Common Course Structure Project and national teacher accreditation. The course will offer flexible pathways and more options to study by distance.

2) The graduate entry Bachelor of Teaching is being rebadged and redeveloped into a Master of Teaching.

3) Offering a NEW Bachelor program focusing on Physical Activity (3 years) which is not a teaching qualification, but prepares students for a career in coaching, health promotion, fitness centre management, and leading physical education programs.

More information about the proposed changes will be available in the coming months, visit: www.educ.utas.edu.au.

NEW SCIENCE EDUCATION COURSE

The new Graduate Certificate in Science Education is a professionally-oriented program which aims to update and broaden the science content knowledge of practising science teachers in upper primary, high schools and colleges, and others involved in the field of science education. The program addresses professional learning opportunities for teachers of science (covering both the life sciences and physical sciences which includes Maths and IT) by providing access to current developments in science (“hot topics”) as well as examining how new topics can be introduced into the classroom curriculum.

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The course, which consists of four units, can be completed by part-time studies over the duration of one year. Units will be delivered through a combination of block teaching (utilising the school vacation breaks in January and June) and on-line delivery.

For more information about this exciting new course, visit: www.postgrad.utas.edu.au.

This course is one of the many education-focused postgraduate courses being offered with a 100% HECS Scholarship (i.e. as many units as appropriate in a year can be studied and they will all be HECS-free) for eligible Department of Education staff. For more information and eligibility criteria, visit: www.deptofeducation.utas.edu.au.

2010 UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION RESERVATIONS

The University of Tasmania owns and manages student accommodation at its Launceston and Hobart campuses. This accommodation includes Apartments, Units, Colleges and Halls of Residence. Because the accommodation is highly regarded, places fill quickly. With around 1,200 beds, it takes some time to offer and fill these places.

New for 2009: Early Applications and Offers
Accommodation for 2010 will begin to be reserved from April 2009. Students wanting accommodation in 2010 need to apply as soon as possible and preferably no later than the middle of 2009. Early reservation of accommodation means that your students will be advantaged with secure accommodation should they choose to apply for a University of Tasmania course or accept a University offer.

Accommodation applications are made online and there are no application fees. There is also no obligation to accept an accommodation offer should one be made. Students are therefore strongly advised to apply online for accommodation early in the year and before making an application for a University place. Accommodation applications are free and can be made at: www.utas.edu.au/accommodation/

Schools can find out more by directly contacting the Marketing & Projects Officer via email: steph.atkinson@utas.edu.au or telephone: (03) 6226 6417.

AGFEST – MAY 2009

UTAS staff will be attending Agfest 2009, which is being held from Thursday 7 – Saturday 9 May at Quercus Rural Youth Park, Carrick.

Prospective students, their parents and Careers Advisors are welcome to come and have a chat to Student Advisers and academic staff at the UTAS site, located in the Trades Expo on CWA Grove.

UTAS ON FACEBOOK

Career Advisors, prospective students and members of the community can now become “fans” of UTAS on the social networking site, Facebook. To join the University of Tasmania group, simply log in to Facebook (www.facebook.com) and search for “University of Tasmania”.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 3 August applications open for 2010 (visit www.utas.edu.au/apply
Sun 16 August Uni Open Day (Launceston)
Sun 23 August Uni Open Day (Hobart)
Sat 29 August Uni Open Day (Cradle Coast)
Wed 30 September on-time applications close – late applications for Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) will not be accepted
Sat 31 October applications for scholarships close