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Funding boost welcome for future

The University of Tasmania has welcomed the \$11.55 million in funding from the Australian Government announced by Deputy Prime Minister the Hon. Julia Gillard today.

UTAS Vice Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew said the funding from the Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund for four key projects across the University's three state campuses will allow UTAS to move ahead with key major initiatives.

"Clearly we are delighted," Prof Le Grew said.

"This funding will allow the continued development and strengthening of the UTAS community across Tasmania. It will showcase the Cradle Coast campus as a community-responsive site, it will develop the arts in Hobart, it will demonstrate UTAS' strength as the centre of excellence in marine science and it will contribute to the ongoing support and promotion of the sciences in schools and the community.

"These programs that are being funded are about the University sector being able to build strong and sustainable relationships with the communities of which they are part for the greater benefit of Australian research and development," he said.

Prof Le Grew said it is also notable that UTAS has received 10% of the national allocation, which illustrates the high regard of UTAS nationally.

"It also supports the important role UTAS plays nationally and internationally for developing higher education models in Australia."

The UTAS projects include:

- *Unlocking Talent: The New Regional Campus* - \$2 million for the Cradle Coast Campus to work with local partners to reflect the higher education needs of that community as well as attract students through innovative participation and undertake long term planning for the campus.
- *Integrated Tasmanian Creative Arts Education* - \$2.5 million to collocate tertiary creative arts education, encompassing TAFE and UTAS with partnership links to years 11 and 12, as part of the Hobart waterfront cultural precinct. The concept complements the Inveresk co-location development in Launceston.
- *Australian National Network in Marine Science* - \$3.4 million to establish the Australian National Network in Marine Science. UTAS including the

Australian Maritime College, along with other foundation institutions, James Cook University and the University of Western Australia, will work with other key players to develop marine science research and study.

- *Primary Industry Centre for Science Education* - \$3.6 million for the Primary Industry Centre for Science Education program which will deliver year 11 and 12 science class activities, teachers' professional development, production of teaching resources, student camps and student industry placement programs.

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