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Who will 'bee' the best at brain knowledge?

The Tasmanian state final of the national Australian Brain Bee Challenge is on this week (**Thursday 12 July 12**) at the Medical Sciences 1 building in the CBD.

More than 20 students from around the state, and seven school teams, will be answering questions about the brain in order to win a place in the national final (for individuals) or a Zeiss microscope for their schools (for teams) plus numerous smaller individual prizes.

The competing schools are from the south, east and north of the state.

Dr Matthew Kirkcaldie, Senior Lecturer in Neuroscience in the UTAS School of Medicine, said the Bee was a great opportunity for young students to foster an interest in neuroscience and medicine.

“In conjunction with the question rounds there will also be talks and hands-on activities with the UTAS School of Medicine and Menzies Research Institute Tasmania to encourage interest in neuroscience,” he said.

The Brain Bee finals are taking place in other Australian states and New Zealand in the next couple of months. The national final will be at the Australian Neuroscience Society meeting in Melbourne next January.

To find out more about the Brain Bee, visit <http://www.abbc.edu.au/>

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