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Brightest minds get boost in field of agricultural science

The UTAS Foundation and Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA) will publicly reward the State's top agricultural science students when six prestigious scholarships are officially presented at **Agfest Site M51 TODAY (May 2) at 11.30am.**

- **The Robert Gatenby Tasmania University Scholarship in Agricultural Science** \$4000 per year for up to three years - This scholarship is provided by the estate of Robert Gatenby, who was an innovative Tasmanian farmer and horticulturalist before his death in a light plane crash in 1992. Available to a student eligible to enter second year of the Bachelor of Agricultural Science.
Recipient - Elya Richardson of Hobart.
- **Bruce Wall Estate Honours Scholarship (Agriculture/Aquaculture)** \$4500 per year for up to four years - The estate of the late Bruce Wall supports a number of scholarships each year in agricultural science and aquaculture as well as a number of Tasmanian youth projects.
Recipient: Daniel Goss of Scottsdale.
- **Beef Industry Trust Scholarship** \$4000 per year for up to three years - This scholarship is provided by the Tasmanian Beef Industry Trust to assist students who have an interest in the development of the beef and cattle industry. Available to a student eligible to enter second year of a course in the School of Agricultural Science.
Recipient - Rebekah Smart of Hobart.
- **AgVita Scholarship in Agricultural Science** \$4000 - AgVita Analytical, based in Devonport, is an efficient and professional laboratory offering a premium service for soil, plant and water nationally. It provides a high quality, fast turn-around analytical service to the agricultural industry, natural resource management bodies and research organisations. *Recipient* - Elizabeth Jolly of Forth.

- **Bert Campbell Memorial Scholarship in Agriculture** \$2000 - Provided by the Agricultural Contractors of Tasmania to honour the memory of Bert Campbell, who was a pioneer in harvesting, cereal production and the poppy industry. It is offered to support the development of young people in the Tasmanian agricultural sector, particularly in the area of harvesting and cereal production. *Recipient* -Victoria White of Crabtree.
- **George Wade Scholarship in Agricultural Science** \$2000 per year for up to four years. This scholarship is provided by the family of the late Professor George Wade, a respected plant pathologist who established the School of Agricultural Science at UTAS in 1962. His 19-year leadership largely shaped the school as it is today. Offered to a talented Tasmanian student entering the Agricultural Science course. *Recipient*: Amy Lucas of Sandfly.

Other major scholarships already awarded include the **Neale Edwards Scholarship in Agriculture**, \$6500 per year for three years; recipient Rowan Snare (Wynyard) and **the Robert Menary Scholarship in Agriculture**, \$4000 per year for three years, recipient Aaron Thomason of Sandfly.

Donors of scholarships from previous years will take the opportunity to catch up with their students at the presentation function.

TIA is a joint venture between the University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government and Agfest is one of the most important events in the TIA calendar.

It provides TIA representatives the opportunity to speak to young people and their parents about the many career opportunities for agricultural science graduates and it also gives research, development and extension staff a chance to show what they are working on to a wide cross-section of the Tasmanian community.

Visitors can call into the large TIA tent on Main St (M51) for a cuppa and a chat or talk to TIA Sheep Connect staff in the TFGA tent or Dairy Centre staff in the Dairy Tasmania tent.

Potential agriculture students can go to Student Recruitment in the Trades Expo Pavilion in First Ave 111-09.

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