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New Research Projects for North West Tasmania

Eight exciting new research projects are underway in North West Tasmania as part of the UTAS Postgraduate Research programme.

The new PhD students at Cradle Coast campus will be delving into a range of topics including land use change, career decisions for young women, and two projects focussing on food and climate change issues for King Island.

UTAS Dean of Graduate Research Professor Peter Frapell said there is a range of scholarships available to support post graduate level research in regional Tasmania.

“By providing opportunities for higher degree research and supporting our best candidates with a range of scholarships, UTAS is ensuring that North West Tasmania has highly skilled graduates whose research, in many cases, will contribute to the sustainability of the region,” Prof Frapell said.

Three of this year’s PhD students have been awarded University of Tasmania’s Elite Research Scholarships, providing financial support of \$30,000 per year, tax free over the three years of their research projects, plus a lap top computer to assist with their projects.

The University of Tasmania has over 100 Elite Research Scholarships for PhD candidates in areas such as: health and medical sciences, natural, physical and applied sciences, as well as business and management, regional development, education and the humanities.

Angela Castles from Latrobe is one of this year’s Elite Scholarship recipients. Angel’s project is titled, *Planning for peri urban land use change – fostering innovation in agriculture*. This project seeks to research how land use planning mechanisms can encourage innovation in food agriculture by developing new planning mechanisms for the peri-urban setting.

Another of the Elite Scholars is Cherie Hawkins from Wynyard, who is researching the social and cultural influences on the career aspirations of adolescent females in our region.

Organisations or individuals who are interested in sponsoring scholarships that enable post-graduates to live and research on the Cradle Coast can contact either the Dean of Graduate Research or the University of Tasmania Foundation.

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