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## UTAS secures \$13.4 million in national funding for three new training centres

The University of Tasmania has secured the major share of funding under the Australian Research Council's Industrial Transformation Training Centres Scheme.

"Capping a great year for research at UTAS is confirmation that we will host three of the seven Industrial Transformation Training Centres to be funded for 2014 by the ARC," the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Paddy Nixon, said. "All three UTAS funding applications have been successful and they are to be fully funded by the ARC."

In a significant demonstration of the economic benefits that UTAS is delivering to Tasmania, the ARC funding, together with industry cash and in-kind contributions, totals nearly \$13.4 million.

In addition, two prominent UTAS researchers, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof Susan Dodds, and the Director of Australian Centre for Research on Separation Science, Prof Brett Paul, are collaborators in a University of Wollongong-driven project, the ARC Centre of Excellence for Electromaterials Science, which has received \$25 million in funding.

The announcement includes nearly \$2.4 million allocated by the ARC, in addition to more than \$1.4 million in industry contributions, for a training centre for transforming Australia's naval manufacturing industry, to be based at the University's Australian Maritime College in Launceston, under the directorship of Prof Faisal Khan.

A training centre for portable analytical separation technologies (nearly \$2,150,000 in funding from the ARC plus \$1.2 million in industry contributions) is to be established on the Sandy Bay campus, with Prof Emily Hilder as Director.

Food microbiologist Associate Professor Tom Ross of the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture and the School of Agricultural Science will head up a training centre for innovative horticultural products (just over \$2 million in ARC funding and more than \$1.1 million in industry contributions).

The objectives of the *Industrial Transformation Training Centres* scheme are to foster opportunities for Higher Degree by Research candidates and postdoctoral fellows to pursue industrial training and to enhance competitive research in collaboration between universities and organisations outside the Australian higher

education sector; and to strengthen Australia's industrial transformation priorities to supplement the needs of industries and other research end-users.

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