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## **Tis the season to be capped and gowned**

More than 1,700 students will graduate in nine ceremonies this week in Hobart.

Graduands from all UTAS faculties will don their caps and gowns to receive their degrees and become graduates of the university.

UTAS Vice Chancellor, Professor Peter Rathjen, extended his congratulations to all the graduands.

“A degree, diploma or doctorate is a true achievement, requiring much time and effort to complete.

“It is, however, an achievement well worth devoting time to. A solid education is like a passport to your future aspirations. It has the potential to bring your dreams within your reach,” Prof Rathjen said.

“50 years ago, we were graduating 140 students a year and last year it was just shy of 5000. We hope to increase that number even more in the coming years.

“To see the graduands processing from Domain House is wonderful. This historic home of the university has recently come back into our ownership and will soon be enlivened by the presence of students all year round, not just at our yearly graduations.

“To all the students receiving degrees today, I congratulate you on achieving your goals. I wish you all the best and hope your association with the university continues in the future.”

### **Graduation facts:**

- Around 3,200 students will graduate in the December round of ceremonies
- Of this number, around 2,300 will attend a graduation ceremony (ie, physically attend)
- The breakdown for campuses: 1,765 Hobart; 1,276 Launceston and 145 Cradle Coast.

**Media are invited to attend any of the graduation ceremonies. Ceremonies last about one hour.**

For more information on graduations, visit:  
<http://www.utas.edu.au/graduation/>

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**December graduation ceremonies in Hobart:**

Monday 12 December 2011	11am	Faculty of Science, Engineering & Technology Allied research higher degrees	<b>Hobart</b> University Centre
	2:30pm	Faculty of Science, Engineering & Technology Allied research higher degrees	<b>Hobart</b> University Centre
	5:30pm	Faculty of Education Allied research higher degrees	<b>Hobart</b> University Centre
	11am	Faculty of Business Allied research higher degrees	<b>Hobart</b> University Centre
Tuesday 13 December 2011	2:30pm	Faculty of Business Allied research higher degrees	<b>Hobart</b> University Centre
	5:30pm	Faculty of Law Allied research higher degrees	<b>Hobart</b> University Centre
Wednesday 14 December 2011	11am	Faculty of Arts Allied research higher degrees	<b>Hobart</b> Federation Concert Hall
	3pm	Faculty of Health Science Allied research higher degrees	<b>Hobart</b> Federation Concert Hall
	6pm	Faculty of Arts Allied research higher degrees	<b>Hobart</b> Federation Concert Hall