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## Two new Launceston-based UTAS degrees give students substantial career opportunities

The University of Tasmania has launched two new degrees, giving students who study at the Newnham campus important new career directions in growing industries.

The Dean of Science, Engineering and Technology, Professor Margaret Britz, said that from 2014 students will be able to study for two new three-year degrees: the Bachelor of Applied Science (Food Science and Innovation) and the Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Science).

“The food science degree will equip students to take on challenges in Australia’s growing food industry, including start-up food innovation businesses as well as positions in food processing and product development companies,” she said.

“Graduates with the environmental science qualification will be able to take on positions with government environment departments and companies and authorities involved in areas such as pollution monitoring and environmental impact assessments.”

UTAS Professor of Food Science and Technology, Professor Roger Stanley, said the Tasmanian food industry needed enhanced innovation and people educated in the science and business of food.

“The Bachelor of Applied Science (Food Science and Innovation) will equip students with the fundamental knowledge of science and expertise in food processing and consumer-market understanding to begin careers in the food industry,” he said.

“It is specifically tailored for graduates to be multi-skilled across science and business and thus be able undertake the development of new food innovations in small to medium-sized food companies which comprise the majority of food enterprises.”

Associate Professor Greg Hannan said the Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Science) will take students into careers as environmental scientists, with employment opportunities in government, natural resource

management agencies and industry to monitor pollution, manage natural resources and assess environmental impact.

“Students will study across key science disciplines and gain an understanding of current environmental issues and approaches to managing real world environmental problems,” he said.

“UTAS is an excellent place to study environmental science because of the diversity of examples in natural resource management and industrial operations. The degree will include field work throughout Tasmania.”

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