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## **Post-grads to study in US with prestigious scholarships**

Two UTAS post-graduate students will be setting off to study in the United States after being awarded prestigious Fulbright Scholarships.

Keith Pembleton, a postgraduate student in Agricultural Science at the Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research (TIAR) at UTAS, said he was ecstatic when he heard he had won the Scholarship.

Keith's research focuses on the molecular biology of agricultural industries and is funded by an Australian Postgraduate Industry Award with Dairy Australia.

Through his Fulbright Scholarship Keith will spend 12 months at Purdue University, Indiana, undertaking courses in molecular biology and advanced crop physiology, as well as laboratory research.

Also awarded a Fulbright Scholarship is Natalia Galin, a PhD candidate from the Institute of Antarctic and Southern Ocean Studies (IASOS) at UTAS.

Natalia's PhD research aims to combine geophysics and radar engineering to develop airborne radar capable of measuring the depth of the snow cover on Antarctic sea ice.

Natalia is working towards a PhD in Geophysics, Remote Sensing. With her Fulbright Scholarship she will continue her research at the Centre for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets (CReSIS) at the University of Kansas and NASA/Goddard Space Flight Centre in Maryland.

The Fulbright Commission annually awards up to 25 Fulbright Scholarships for Australians to study in the United States. Fulbright Scholarships are valued between \$A25,000 and \$A40,000 and recipients are generally based in the US for 3 -12 months.

The Fulbright Program is the largest educational scholarship program of its kind and was created in 1946. It is aimed at promoting mutual understanding through international educational exchange and it operates between the U.S. and 150 other countries.

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