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## Environmental focus for scholarship winners

Three UTAS students will be awarded prestigious scholarships tonight by the Governor of Tasmania to support their environmentally-focused Honours projects.

UTAS Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen and His Excellency The Honourable Peter Underwood AC, Governor of Tasmania, will present three \$5000 Governor's Environment Scholarships at Government House at 5pm.

The Governor is patron of the prestigious scholarships, which are sponsored by Tasmanian government and business organisations.

Prof Rathjen congratulated the three recipients and said the scholarships were noteworthy on multiple levels.

"On one level, the Governor's Environment Scholarships support our high-achieving students while they work towards achieving their Honours degrees.

"On a larger scale, the recipients are each aiming to contribute to the existing body of knowledge in their respective fields," he said.

"It is also particularly pleasing to see these environmentally-focused projects extending beyond the sciences into the fields of economics and business."

### The recipients:

**Angus Scheibner**, 23, is a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) candidate in the School of Economics and Finance. His Honours project is titled *Landscape-scale provision of conservation services, with strong applications to the Midlands of Tasmania*. Angus' research will build on existing research into "wildlife corridors."

**Allan Southam**, 22, is studying a Bachelor of Environmental Science (Honours) in the School of Geography and Environmental Studies. His project is titled: *Investigation of the Causes, Movement, and Stability of a Landslide at Pleasant Hills, Grindelwald*. Allan's project will aim to eventually categorise the risk of future landslides in rural areas.

**Leanne Morrison**, 39, is studying a Bachelor of Business with Honours in the School of Accounting and Corporate Governance. Her topic is titled *Exploring the philosophical underpinnings of corporate environmental reporting* and will look at the ethical frameworks that underpin environmental accounting and

the concept of sustainability, within the context of accounting - and what this means for the relationship between business and environment.

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