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Winners of statewide UHack competition announced today

Winners of the inaugural UHack competition will be announced this afternoon at a special presentation at the Tasmanian College of the Arts.

Teams of designers, innovators and entrepreneurs from across the state pitched their ground-breaking ideas last weekend in a bid to claim the first-prize open division package, valued at over \$22,000.

UHack is the largest hackathon of its kind in Tasmania, with a total prize pool valued at more than \$100,000.

Winners will be announced in the Open Division and Student Division.

Participants were asked to solve a problem or identify an opportunity within the University's research theme areas including environment, resources and sustainability; creativity, culture and society; better health; marine, Antarctic and maritime; and data, knowledge and decisions.

As part of the prize pool, the winning team will receive a place in the new Tas-i Entrepreneurship and Incubation Hubs, along with funding and start-up mentoring support.

The competition was held simultaneously in Hobart and Launceston with teams developing a software application, business model and three-minute video pitch which were presented to a panel of judges.

UHack is part of this year's Research Week (27 Aug – 1 Sept) at the University of Tasmania which features seminars, forums and workshops showcasing innovative and practical research which is transforming Tasmania and beyond.

UHack is a collaboration between the University of Tasmania, TECH, Computing and Technology, business student societies, TASICT, Startup Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government.

It is supported by businesses including Dell (premier sponsor), Microsoft, Dialog, Page Seager, CGI, Squiz, SDS Group, RXP, Dilignet, Google, Amazon, Dell, Optus, Alphawest, Commvault and HPE Aruba.

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