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## **UTAS Science Investigation Awards**

Hobart's best and brightest high school science students will be competing on Thursday September 1st in the 2011 Science Investigation Awards.

The awards are hosted by the University of Tasmania and sponsored by the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology and the Primary Industry Centre for Science Education (PICSE).

Approximately 100 students will be participating with around 57 separate projects. The judging will take place in the Tasmanian University Union Activity Centre on Churchill Avenue from 9.45am to 1pm.

The awards will be presented at a ceremony in Lecture Theatre 1, Life Sciences Building from 7.30 to 8.30pm that evening, **Thursday 1 September, 2011**.

In attendance at the awards evening, will be Director of the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, Prof Holger Meinke, Dean of the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology Prof Margaret Britz, school principals, members of parliament, and many of the financial supporters of the PICSE Science Investigation Awards, including Tasmanian Women in Agriculture.

PICSE activity centres, including the one based at the Sandy Bay campus of UTAS, run the investigation awards with science students throughout the year.

"The science Investigation Awards are a terrific way for students to investigate an idea and present their findings. With a wide diversity of topics entered you can see what inspires students and how they see themselves contributing to the world," said Science Education Officer, Kelly Spence.

The Science Investigation Awards have been running for more than six years in Tasmania and have been gradually increasing in the number of schools and students participating.

Prizes include \$450 for first prize for best Agriculture project, with other place prizes, along with a \$50 for the People's Choice Award where the student participants pick their favourite project in each year.

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