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Tomorrow's scientists meet today

Twenty-three Year 11 and 12 science students from 10 different colleges around the state are attending the Tasmanian Youth Science Forum this week.

Their interests range from chemistry, computing and robotics to medical research and engineering.

The Tasmanian Youth Science Forum is a program for Year 11 and 12 students with an interest in science, engineering and technology. The students spend three days at the University of Tasmania taking part in a variety of workshops with University researchers and students

The Forum is designed to give the students an opportunity to talk about future study and career options with key staff and researchers, as well as provide an insider's look at university life.

As part of the Forum, students experience real life research projects, visit leading research institutes and laboratories, and meet a range of people working in science and engineering.

The Forum also provide personal development opportunities though team building activities, career planning and leadership roles. Forum co-ordinator Adele Wilson welcomed the students to the University.

"The aim of the Tasmanian Youth Science Forum is to give students who already have an interest in science an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of University researchers," Ms Wilson said.

Students will be working in the laboratory to perform chemistry experiments, testing physics concepts and discovering the latest advances in games research and development.

They will be solving engineering challenges, examining minerals and soils, learning about Tasmania's wildlife, and visiting the University's Medical Sciences Precinct, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, and the CSIRO Marine Laboratories, as just a few examples of the many activities happening over the three days.

"The Forum provides information about careers in science, engineering and technology and encourages students to continue their studies in these areas," Ms Wilson said.

"A career in science is an extremely worthy pursuit and areas of study and employment are diversifying all the time," Ms Wilson said.

In 2015, the Tasmanian Youth Science Forum will be held at the University of Tasmania's Sandy Bay campus from Tuesday 14 April - Thursday 16 April. It is hosted by the University's Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology.

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