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Make your research idea reality - apply for the 2013 Cross Boundary Research Fund

The Cross Boundary Research Fund is designed to grow collaborative research projects across the UTAS Cradle Coast Campus, the university and the region.

UTAS staff, students and community partners are welcome to apply.

The fund also aims to build the capacity of new/emerging researchers that seek innovative outcomes through their research.

Up to \$5,000 is allocated by the Institute for Regional Development to eligible projects that meet the selection criteria.

The projects must be:

- New stand-alone projects to be completed in less than 12 months.
- Based in North West Tasmania. Projects may, however, involve team members from elsewhere in Tasmania, interstate or overseas.
- Research projects that contribute to growing knowledge or answering significant questions.
- Cross-boundary and collaborative: All research projects should demonstrate active cross-boundary collaboration

Last year's projects included an evaluation by Robin Krabbe of the Community Exchange North West Tasmania (CENT). CENT was based on the concept of Time Banks, which involves the reciprocal exchange of time, skills and opportunities to fulfill everyday needs.

For every hour participants spend helping someone, they are entitled to an hour's help in return. Robin's evaluation will be used to guide the future development of the CENT project, provide valuable theoretical insight into community development generally and more specifically the potential role of community exchanges in community and regional development.

Another project funded last year explored the decision making process surrounding students' choice to study Agricultural Science at UTAS. TIA researcher Lydia Turner carried out in depth interviews with students who have, and have not chosen this career pathway to broaden the understanding of what motivates students to study Agricultural Science at UTAS.

The aim of the research was to determine new opportunities to promote this discipline as an attractive and viable area of study.

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Download the guidelines and application form:
<http://www.cradle-coast.utas.edu.au>

Closing date for applications: December 14, 2013

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