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## Media Release

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## Advice nights will help explain bold new educational offering for Tasmania

Advice nights to explain a bold new form of higher education in Tasmania will be held across the State in coming weeks.

Associate degrees, delivered by the University of Tasmania University College (UC) from February, will be delivered more intensively, will cost less and will align with industries in which there is known employment demand.

UC Principal Professor Janelle Allison said agriculture and business would be the focus of the first two offerings, the latter having the potential to specialise in tourism. Enrolments are open now and due to close on February 1.

“In the next few years, we know there will be thousands of jobs in agriculture and tourism in our State – both of which are well-paying and exciting fields in which to work,” Professor Allison said.

“We also know that job candidates will need to have higher levels of skill in areas such as data, information technology and certain types of science.

“The associate degrees will be for those people who may not have considered university for various reasons but want to work in industries in which knowledge and technical ability are becoming a premium.”

Professor Allison said entry to the UC would be via a points system, in which candidates get allocated value based on a range of factors including educational attainment, work experience and other training.

“What we are talking about is a completely different approach to higher education. Where university may not have suited someone before, the University College may be exactly the right fit,” she said.

“That’s why we think these advice nights are important and a chance for people to come and talk to us direct.

“That will be another aspect of the University College approach. The education we provide will be absolutely first class, but so too will be the support we provide, knowing that a step into higher education can seem be daunting to many people.

“We will be offering a learning environment in which there are clear support points and a lot of face-to-face service for incoming students.”

For more information or to register for the advice nights, visit:

<http://info.utas.edu.au/university-college-info>

For more information on the courses, visit: <http://www.utas.edu.au/new-associate-degrees>

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Tuesday, December 6	<b>LAUNCESTON</b> - Hotel Grand Chancellor	4pm - 6:30pm
Thursday, December 8	<b>HOBART</b> - Glenorchy LINC	3:30pm - 5:30pm
Monday, December 12	<b>DEVONPORT</b> - LINC	3:30pm - 5:30pm
Tuesday, December 13	<b>HOBART</b> - Moonah Arts Centre	4pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday, December 14	<b>BURNIE</b> – Makers’ Workshop	4pm - 6:30pm
Thursday, December 15	<b>LAUNCESTON</b> - LINC	3:30pm - 5:30pm

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