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UTAS honoured by great educator

The University is the recipient of a generous bequest from the estate of the late educator and author Dr Joan Merle Woodberry, AM.

The \$450,000 from the Joan Woodberry Estate to the University will be allocated to the Joan Woodberry Fellowship Trust, which is managed by the University Foundation, to support the Joan Woodberry Postgraduate Fellowship for Women.

UTAS Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen said the University is extremely pleased to be honoured by the Joan Woodberry Estate.

“Dr Woodberry was a remarkable woman in so many ways. She was an esteemed educator, a successful author and a great member of the Tasmanian community,” Prof Rathjen said.

“Her contributions to learning, women’s rights and support for teachers and emerging authors will be long remembered.

“Her legacy will be continued with the Joan Woodberry Postgraduate Fellowship for Women, which will help to nurture and support the best and brightest women reach their academic goals.”

About Dr Joan Woodberry:

Dr Joan Merle Woodberry had a major influence on the lives of young Australians in her writing, in her teaching, and in the education of teachers. Through her involvement in a variety of community initiatives, she made a significant contribution to Tasmania in the second half of the 20th century.

Dr Woodberry has pledged to bequeath her estate to UTAS to make a fellowship available to talented women who wish to make a career in engineering or bioscience to enable them to pursue postgraduate studies in one of those areas at the University.

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