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UTAS seeking input for a new strategic plan

The University of Tasmania is calling on members of the public and stakeholder groups to help inform the development of the new UTAS strategic plan.

The current UTAS strategic plan, EDGE2, will expire at the end of this year.

Work has already begun on developing a new strategic plan, with staff being engaged across all campuses to discuss the organisation's strategic priorities for the next five to 10 years.

With the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the UTAS motto *Ingeniis Patuit Campus* – or "the field is open to talent" – fast approaching, the new plan has been titled "Open to Talent".

UTAS Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen said the University wanted to hear ideas from the community about what sort of institution UTAS should be.

UTAS had changed significantly since the motto was first adopted, he said. There are three campuses in Tasmania in each of the regions and interstate, as well as international operations.

"In 1937 UTAS was modest in size and accomplishment with 392 students enrolled," Professor Rathjen said.

"The succeeding years have seen expansion in staff and student numbers, research interests and degree programs, and the magnitude of our engagement with the world of ideas and international community.

"We seek to build upon significant achievements and to explore our aspirations for UTAS over the next five to 10 years in a world that is increasingly connected, integrated and competitive."

Anyone who would like to contribute to the process can download a discussion paper at www.utas.edu.au/new-strategic-plan

Submissions close on Friday, September 9, 2011.

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