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## Excellence across a range of disciplines for Jim Bacon scholars

Three UTAS students from Fine Arts, Social Sciences and Medicine will benefit from a Jim Bacon Memorial Scholarship to support their studies this year.

The Jim Bacon Foundation provides three annual scholarships for UTAS students studying in the areas of fine arts, political science and the care and treatment of cancer. The Scholarships are valued at \$10,000 for one year.

### **The 2013 Jim Bacon Memorial Scholarship recipients:**

**Hanna Chard – The Care and Treatment of Cancer:** Hanna is a Medical Scientist in Haematology and is currently completing a Graduate Diploma in Pathology. She is investigating the particular haematological changes seen in cancer patients following chemotherapy, which influence the treatment of patients. Hanna's project is aiming to develop a predictor for platelet cell recovery after the administration of chemotherapy to cancer patients.

The success of Hanna's project will provide clinicians with a very useful management tool that will avoid unnecessary platelet transfusions, allow better timing of chemotherapy courses and reduce the time the patient spends in the hospital. Hanna's aim for the future is to continue working in the pathology field, with a focus on improving procedures and methodologies to positively impact on patient management and care.

**Trevor Redding – Fine Arts:** Having successfully completed his BFA with a double major in Photography and Art and Design Theory, Trevor was encouraged to continue his studies in 2013 by completing an Honours course. He plans to enrol in a PhD to fulfil his desire to pursue a career in teaching, researching and mentoring others. In addition to his studies, Trevor is developing his own arts practice and will continue to exhibit and offer limited editions of fine art photography. He wants to become actively involved in promoting Tasmanian art and artists. He is committed to giving back to the Tasmanian community through the benefit of his study.

Trevor has also completed the Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Award involving a six-part series of Leadership seminars and has undertaken 40 hours of voluntary community work.

**Anthony Lufi – Political Science:** After completing his Honours year, Anthony hopes to join the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to help promote Australia and Tasmania's interests abroad. Anthony strongly believes that for Tasmania to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century the Government must take advantage of the current boom in Asia. He believes we are all part of a globalised economy where capital is mobile, and this can only be achieved with a strong diplomatic presence and understanding of International Affairs.

**Media opportunity:**

**Who:** Three scholarship recipients, Scott Bacon MP

**What:** Presentation of the 2013 Jim Bacon Memorial Scholarships

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**Where:** Alan Bray room, University Club, Dobson Road, Sandy Bay

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