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Crowning achievement of four exchange students

The 2014 recipients of the Crown Princess Mary Scholarships will be presented with their awards tomorrow (**Wednesday 26 March 2014**). The four Danish exchange students will study at UTAS this year.

UTAS Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen welcomed the students to Tasmania and the University community.

“We commend these students who have chosen to experience part of their studies in our state. I extended my congratulations to our four new students from Denmark and I am confident their time here will be an enriching experience, both academically and personally.”

About the 2014 Crown Princess Mary Scholarship recipients:

Mads Andersen, 25: Mads is studying to become a physical education teacher and is looking forward to the personal challenge of studying abroad.

“A trip around the world all by yourself forces you to be outgoing and to reach out for every opportunity. A semester at UTAS will give me a unique opportunity to excel in so many areas, which can help me stand out as a teacher,” he said.

Jacob Neilsen, 25: Jacob chose to apply for study at UTAS after a fellow Danish student recommended the university, the intimate teaching environment and said Hobart was “a great town” to live in.

“Since I worked with International politics, the Arctic and Law of the sea as a political and economic intern at the Danish Embassy in Ottawa, Canada I saw UTAS as a great opportunity to continue working with these subjects.

“I made the final decision after looking into the university's international rankings and reputation and reading about Hobart. Furthermore, I saw a few pictures of Hobart and surroundings and Tasmania's outstanding nature and then I was sold,” he said.

Mads Nielsen, 29: Mads will be bringing his partner and daughter to Tasmania on his exchange and said he is “very much” looking forward to experiencing the state Crown Princess Mary grew up in.

“When I first started looking into the possibility of taking an exchange year during my Bachelors, UTAS quickly caught my attention. UTAS has a unique focus on climate change, climate adaptation and environmental studies, which is exactly what I was looking for,” Mads said.

“An exchange year at UTAS with its strong profile within these subjects will strengthen my professional profile considerably and my chances of getting a job within my preferred line of work will increase greatly.”

Laura Nygaard, 26:

The breathtaking nature, Australia’s interesting history and the diverse classes at the University prompted Laura to go to Hobart to study topics such as Public Relations, Digital Layout and Photography.

“As a visual person and journalist with a passion for photography, graphic design, and beautiful scenery, I am sure you would not find a better match than me and Tasmania. I expect to socially and culturally get the most out of a semester abroad by experiencing it in Hobart,” Laura said.

About the scholarship: The Crown Princess Mary Scholarship allows Danish students to experience Tasmania and to enhance their academic experience by studying on exchange. The scholarship is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students in all areas of studies offered at UTAS.

Media opportunity:

Who: Consul General and Trade Commissioner for Denmark, Mr Michael Hansen; scholarship winners, UTAS staff, guests.

What: Presentation of the Crown Princess Mary Scholarships.

When: TOMORROW Wednesday 26 March, 12.45pm for 1pm start.

Where: University Club, Dobson Road, UTAS Sandy Bay campus

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