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## Scholarships will tackle environmental issues

Environmental research projects will be supported at the University of Tasmania through two Alcorso Foundation Honours Environment Scholarships.

University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew said that the Alcorso Foundation Scholarships were a fantastic opportunity for students, rewarding both academic talent and environmental awareness.

Prof Le Grew presented the two \$1000 scholarships to School of Engineering student Cameron McCulloch and School of Sociology and Social Work student Yolande Hall.

Cameron has been awarded his scholarship for his project *Wind Energy Integration*, which aims to increase awareness of the importance of wind energy production in Tasmania.

Yolande won the scholarship for her project *Urban Food Production Among Renters*, which investigates the importance of access to community garden spaces for urban renters for growing fruit and vegetables.

“The Alcorso Foundation’s advocacy for the natural environment and conservation are values the University also values highly,” Prof Le Grew said.

“Both Yolande’s and Cameron’s projects underline the significance of caring for our natural surroundings and developing innovative strategies to tackle environmental issues.”

Alcorso Foundation Executive Officer, Yvette Watt said the Foundation was delighted with the high standard of all the entries.

“The selection panel was particularly impressed by Yolande Hall’s and Cameron McCulloch’s research,” she said.

“The two projects are very different in the nature of the research and its intended outcomes, both students’ research encourages environmentally sustainable practices,” Ms Watt said.

The Honours Environment Scholarships celebrate the values of Claudio and Lesley Alcorso, who were strident advocates for the natural environment.

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