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Placement program gives students real-world experience

IT'S not often senior school students get to step out of the classroom and into the workforce.

However, a unique science program is paving the way.

About 20 senior school science students from across the state will take part in the Primary Industry Placement Scholarships program this month.

The industry placements aim to give students an opportunity to apply practical skills, working closely with scientists and industry professionals.

“This industry placement allows each student to be treated like a member of staff,” UTAS School of Agricultural Science Project Manager Dr David Russell said.

“It is a unique opportunity to be a part of a work environment.

“The student can gain personal experience by being in the workplace with scientists, either working as part of a team on a project or working on numerous projects.”

The group will be joined by two interstate senior school students from Western Australia and Victoria.

Dr Russell said each student will be aligned with an industry closest to their choice, with about 11 industries across the state participating in the program.

The industry placement follows on from the successful week-long camp, held at Turners Beach in December last year.

The program concludes with a three-way video conference held at each of the University of Tasmania's campuses - Burnie, Launceston and Hobart - on Tuesday, January 30.

Here, students will present individual reports, sharing their experiences from the program.

The program has been operating since 1999 with an aim to give tertiary bound students an insight into research, programs and career opportunities within the primary industries.

It is organised and funded in a partnership between the University of Tasmania's School of Agricultural Science and the Grains Research & Development Corporation (GRDC).

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