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Rhodes Scholar aims to enrich the lives of others

The 2011 Rhodes Scholar is 23 year-old Elizabeth Murray.

She was awarded the scholarship today at Government House.

Elizabeth completed a Bachelor of Psychology at UTAS with First Class Honours in 2009.

Elizabeth hopes to enrich the lives of others through the advancement of neuroscience and plans to undertake a Masters of Science in Neuroscience at Oxford University, to investigate the recovery of function after brain damage.

Elizabeth said her life experience and studies have led her to develop a passion for neuroscience with a view to becoming a researcher/practitioner in clinical neuropsychology.

Born in Launceston, Elizabeth completed part of her degree at the UTAS Newnham campus but completed the final year of her undergraduate degree and her Honours year in Hobart.

Throughout her time at UTAS Elizabeth achieved consistently excellent results and was placed on the Dean's Roll of Excellence every year of her undergraduate degree. She was also awarded the University Medal in 2009.

She was also awarded the Dean's Citation for the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology for outstanding academic performance in undergraduate and Honours courses.

As well as her academic pursuits, Elizabeth is passionate about travelling and recently returned from a solo trip around the world.

Elizabeth takes great satisfaction in helping others and said she believes that ending the day with the knowledge that you have enriched someone else's life is one of the most fulfilling experiences a person can know.

She has participated in a wide range of volunteer activities, including volunteer dog walking at the RSPCA, hamper-packing with St Vincent de Paul and assisting underprivileged children in sail training onboard the *Young Endeavour* Sail Training Ship.

Elizabeth also loves classic literature, the theatre and is passionate about sport. She enjoys netball, orienteering, cross country and athletics, but says rowing is her “one true love.”