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Agriculture students set to impress industry

The diversity of agriculture degrees and the careers they open up to students will be on display this Friday at the 2014 Honours Presentations and Careers in Agriculture Forum, to be held in Hobart.

This year's budding crop of Agricultural Science Honours students will each present their research projects to an audience that includes more than 30 industry representatives.

Many of the research projects are supported by industry partners and have a highly applied focus. Topics include investigating grape and wine quality, growth performance in farmed Atlantic salmon, the suitability of apple varieties for cider production and the residual effect of Roundup on crop establishment.

The students will be aiming to impress, with awards on offer for the best presentations.

The overall winner will be sponsored to represent Tasmania at the national competition for the AEV Richardson Memorial National Student Award, which has been won by University of Tasmania students two years running.

The presentations will be followed by a 'Careers in Agriculture' forum, where students will hear from five industry experts about career opportunities and also have the opportunity to network with representatives from industry.

Professor Holger Meinke, Head of the School of Land and Food, says the event provides a valuable opportunity for the students to connect with potential employers.

"One of the clear advantages of studying an agriculture degree in Tasmania is the close links we have with industry partners," Professor Meinke said.

"Students are exposed to a range of people and organisations throughout their degree and are able to use these connections to pursue a career in their area of interest."

The event, hosted by the Ag Institute of Australia and the University of Tasmania's School of Land and Food, is an initiative of the Agricultural Science Undergraduate Student Society.

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