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TASMANIAN MARINE SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP

The Tasmanian Marine Science Fellowship, jointly created by the University of Tasmania, the Embassy of France in Australia and the Department of Economic Development's Antarctic Tasmania last year, is again calling for applications for this prestigious award.

The award enables Marine and Antarctic Science researchers to undertake studies in France.

Tasmania's Acting Premier Steven Kons said that the award will provide early career researchers an opportunity to travel to France to undertake Marine and Antarctic Sciences studies.

"Not only does this award program help individual early-career scientists to gain specific further training or qualifications, it also strengthens international cooperation and networks in this essential area of research.

"The value of Antarctic-related expenditure in Tasmania is now approximately \$100 million."

The Vice-Chancellor of UTAS, Professor Daryl Le Grew said Tasmania holds a special place in Australia as the gateway to the Antarctic.

"As the gateway to the Antarctic, we have a duty to facilitate studies in this distinctive area.

"On the ice continent, cooperation is key – Antarctic research is global research.

"As an international university working out of Tasmania, we celebrate our links with the Embassy of France through this Fellowship.

"This fellowship is another fine example of the thriving partnership that exists between the State Government and the University of Tasmania.

"It will allow our best and brightest young scientists to share vital knowledge and undertake research in some of the world's top laboratories," Professor Le Grew said.

Mr Kons said that applications for the 2007 Tasmanian Marine Science fellowship are now open and will close on 1 June 2007.

"I strongly encourage Tasmanian postgraduate students and our young scientists and researchers to seize this opportunity and to submit an application."

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