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## **UTAS shines in Good Universities Guide 2009**

The University of Tasmania has received a glowing review of its research success and the excellence of its teaching and learning program in the 2009 edition of the Good Universities Guide.

UTAS received an above-average rating for its research grant success, with the Guide stating that on a per capita basis, UTAS was on par or better than the major universities in other states.

The University also received a four-star rating for its teaching quality and a top of the scale, five-star rating for access by equity groups and indigenous participation. Academic services provided for students in Hobart and Launceston also attracted five stars.

UTAS Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew said the Guide was an endorsement of the University's deliberate strategy to attract a diverse range of students through a variety of programs which supported and enhanced their higher education experience.

"Our four and five-star ranking across these areas is testament to the hard work and diligence that has been applied to implementing this strategy in the past five years. These changes take time and we are now seeing the fruits of our commitment," Prof Le Grew said.

"It is also incredibly satisfying to see that UTAS is recognised as a research leader and able to match it with the G8 universities, despite our smaller size. All Tasmanians should be extremely proud of this achievement," he said.

The Good Universities Guide 2009 also ranked UTAS highly in the areas of cultural diversity, international enrolments, student demand and staff qualifications.

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