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## **Scholarship recipient has humanitarian focus**

The 2012 recipient of the Tim Hawkins Memorial Scholarship will be presented tomorrow at the University of Tasmania.

This scholarship is provided in memory of Tim Hawkins, a talented Commerce/Law graduate of the University who was tragically killed in the Bali bombing in 2002.

The scholarship allows the recipient to take up a position of Research Assistant in the Prosecutor's Office for six months at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague.

The 2012 recipient of the scholarship, 24 year-old Simon McKenzie, is from Burnie, and describes himself as "very interested" in international humanitarian law.

Simon completed a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours in Law last August. He consistently achieved excellent marks throughout his studies.

Simon was placed on the Dean's Roll of Excellence three times for his high achievements and received various awards and scholarships throughout his academic career at UTAS.

"The atrocities committed in warfare are often beyond description; and I want to work in a field of law that seeks to punish and prevent them from occurring," he said.

"Working in this area would present intellectual challenges as well as the opportunity to contribute something to the development of this important body of law."

Simon plans to enrol in a Masters focusing on international humanitarian law in the coming years.

"Working with Professor Tim McCormack at the ICC will give me a practical understanding to complement this further study," he said.

Prof McCormack has an important role at the ICC. He is also from Burnie originally.

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