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UTAS Music/Dance Education Scholarship

A new \$5000 scholarship has been established to encourage teachers to integrate dance and music into their classrooms to help pupils with special learning needs.

The new scholarship is offered through the Faculty of Education at UTAS, thanks to an anonymous donor.

The donor has devoted the major part of their working life to teaching students with special learning needs by incorporating music and dance into education programs.

The scholarship will be awarded to a qualified teacher who believes in the integration of music and/or dance into their curriculum practice to help students learn.

Dean of the Faculty of Education, Professor Ian Hay, welcomes the new scholarship.

“Our donor believes that dance and music can be integrated into all subjects, with the right approach, to assist students develop deeper learning through participation and enjoyment,” said Prof. Hay.

“You do not have to be a professional dancer or musician but knowledge and experience in one or both of these areas will be favoured and the donor has emphasised the importance of creativity and imagination.”

The scholarship candidates must be eligible to undertake, or may be currently undertaking, postgraduate studies in Education (including honours), have a commitment to special/inclusive education and be able to demonstrate how they will benefit from the scholarship.

The donor is also prepared to offer their expertise to assist the successful student.

More information is available through the UTAS Scholarships Office
<http://www.studentcentre.utas.edu.au/scholarships/>

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