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## **New \$5000 acquisitive art prize for students**

A new acquisitive art award offering an annual prize of \$5000 for an original work by a University of Tasmania student has been announced by UTAS Accommodation Services.

The prize has been launched as part of the University's Celebration of Colleges program to stimulate art and cultural appreciation and to foster a dynamic and creative sense of community among students living at Christ College, St John Fisher College and the University Apartments.

It is hoped the selected artwork will become a "talking point" among students at the colleges, whether it is a magnificent painting that hangs in the dining room, a striking outdoor sculpture that can be placed in the grounds, or a finely crafted piece of furniture. In either case, students will be viewing the work of their peers.

A total of \$8000 in prize money is on offer, with \$5000 for first place and \$3000 for second place. To be eligible, artists must be enrolled as University of Tasmania students.

Entries close on Friday 3 August.

Artist David Keeling, winner of the 2006 John Glover Prize for landscape painting, and Sue Backhouse, assistant curator at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, will select a shortlist by 10 August.

All entries will be judged according to creative use of medium and originality of artistic perception and mode of interpretation.

Selected artists will be featured in an exhibition on the weekend of 25-26 August and the winners will be announced at a cocktail function on Monday 27 August.

For more information on submissions and full details of the competition visit:  
[www.utas.edu.au/accommodation](http://www.utas.edu.au/accommodation)

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