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## Medical scholarships awarded to gifted students

Three promising students have been awarded scholarships to study medicine at UTAS.

The Medical Council of Tasmania funded a perpetual scholarship upon its dissolution in 2010 to support deserving students in their study of Medicine.

To mark the inaugural Medical Council of Tasmania Medical Student Scholarship, two awards were made in 2011 to outstanding students.

The scholarship provides an income of \$8000 per year, for up to five years. An annual scholarship will be awarded each year from 2012.

The Medical Council Scholarship was awarded to both Victoria Jordan, 18 of Hawley Beach and Tristram Parr, 19, of Gretna.

In addition, the UTAS School of Medicine has generously provided an annual scholarship to support talented students in their studies. The scholarship is valued at \$8000 per year for up to five years.

This was awarded to Jessica Beechey, 18, of West Moonah.

Professor James Vickers, Head of the UTAS School of Medicine, said it was wonderful to see such promising students rewarded for their hard work and determination.

“Scholarship support of this kind is important to students whose circumstances mean they require a level of financial help to study to their full capacity,” Prof Vickers said.

“By awarding these scholarships, our best and brightest young people are able to shine, by enabling them to devote their full attention to their studies.”

Prof Vickers said that in 2015 the UTAS Medical Faculty will celebrate 50 years of establishment; the same year that Victoria, Tristram and Jessica will satisfy requirements for the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor Surgery.

About the recipients:

Jessica Beechey: 18, of West Moonah:

Jessica was accepted into the High Achiever's Program through UTAS, enabling her to undertake two first year university-level units. In the 2010 Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test Jessica achieved the percentile of 91. Jessica said she is fascinated by all science related areas of study - however the intrinsic workings of the human body appeal to her most of all.

Tristram Parr: 19, of Gretna:

Tristram was named the Claremont College Dux of 2009 and also received a TCE within the state's top 100. He has selected his courses at university because he is interested in science. He said he is quite ambitious and wishes to make a difference to people's lives.

Victoria Jordan: 18, of Hawley Beach:

From her Year 11 results she received Exceptional Achievements in each of her subjects, including perfect scores in three pre-tertiary subjects. Victoria intends to become a doctor one day and said studying Biology allowed her to discover an interest in living systems and human biology. Victoria said she would like a career that would allow her to combine and further these passions, in a working environment where she is constantly learning. Medicine/Health sciences seem the perfect fit to her.

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