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## **UTAS helps hit drought for six**

The University of Tasmania will offer two Access Bursaries worth \$1,000 each as part of the Tasmanian Cricket Association's fundraising campaign '**Hit the Drought for a 6**'.

UTAS Vice Chancellor Daryl Le Grew said the campaign is a fantastic initiative by the TCA to support farmers, their families and rural communities throughout the State.

"UTAS is keen to support Tasmanian farming families who may be suffering financially from the current drought," Prof Le Grew said.

"Already the UTAS scholarship program offers more than 900 scholarships valued in excess of \$2.5 million each year to support students from rural and regional areas," he said.

Prof Le Grew said UTAS values its role in the Tasmanian community to contribute to making tertiary education accessible.

"One of the key aims of UTAS is to develop a student experience based on not only gaining contemporary knowledge and skills but also an understanding the Tasmanian sense of place," he said.

"UTAS therefore benefits from a healthy and productive Tasmanian community, so when part of that community needs some assistance, we are willing and able to offer that help," he said.

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