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## Humanitarian focus for scholarship winner

For scholarship winner Madeleine Summers, 25, her passion for international humanitarian law began with an accidental encounter with fish conservation.

“As a 17 year old I attended a UTAS career fair and stumbled on a presentation about the international law of the sea and the conservation of the Patagonian Toothfish.

“The idea of international law was so intriguing to me that I decided then to begin my studies in law,” she said.

“Since that moment I have developed a passion for international law, and the laws of war in particular.”

Madeleine is the 2014 winner of the annual Tim Hawkins Memorial Scholarship, which allows a Law graduate to take up a position of Research Assistant in the Prosecutor’s Office for six months at the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Madeleine has a combined Arts/Law degree with Honours from UTAS and a Master’s degree from the London School of Economics. She has also interned with the United Nations in Cambodia, at the hybrid tribunal established to try former leaders of the Khmer Rouge.

“I would be honoured to continue the work of previous recipients of the Scholarship and contribute to that important legacy in Tim’s honour.”

UTAS Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Rathjen, congratulated Madeleine on receiving the scholarship.

“The recipients of the Tim Hawkins Scholarship are exceptional individuals, who not only excel academically, but extend themselves with extracurricular pursuits focused on humanitarian causes.

“Madeline’s excellent academic achievements and her volunteer work are testimony to the determination and dedication she has applied to her studies and career,” Prof Rathjen said.

“The University is extremely proud to have been part of the education of these graduates and we are certain Madeleine’s future achievements will be a fitting tribute to Tim Hawkins’ enduring memory.”

**About the Tim Hawkins Scholarship:** The scholarship is provided in memory of Tim Hawkins, an outstanding young Tasmanian. Tim was an international oarsman and had completed a building apprenticeship before graduating in the combined degrees of Commerce and Law with Honours in Law. Tim was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Tasmania. His tragic death in Bali in October 2002 was a result of a terrorist act. Family, friends and associates of Mr Hawkins and members of the wider community, have endowed a scholarship at UTAS, as a fitting memorial to this fine Tasmanian. The recipient receives an allowance of \$13,000 and a return economy fare to The Hague.

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